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# BIRTHS.

On January 15th, at No. 4 Mount Sophia, Singapore, the wife of Rev. W. T. CHERRY, of At 33 Spottiswnode, Singapore, on the 15th

January, the wife of T. TANAKA, Japanese Consul, of a son. inst., Francis Augusta Clifton.

MARRIAGE. Shanghai, Capt. F. Boyd, China Navigation Co., son of A. Boyd, of Bushey Park, Bristol, to FOITH BERTRAM, daughter of C. G. Noel of

Sefton Park, Liverpool. At the Laou Kung Mow Cotton Mill, Shang-

Fox, of a daughter. On January 23rd, at Shanghai, STANLEY AIMESBURY, late master, of the American ship people have become increasingly unruly

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MAIL SUPPLEMENT. ISSUED GRATIS TO SUBSCRIBERS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY; JANUARY 28, 1905.

## CRIME IN HONGKONG.

(23rd January.)

In a brief animadversion upon crime in the Colony a Shanghai contemporary asserts that for the past few weeks Hongkong has developed a record which would put to shame a far west American mining centre, and which has even outpaced Manila. It alludes to the weekly budget of murder cases, suicides, criminal assaults and robberies, and says that, if this season of crime continues, Hongkong will be as notorious for crime as it was for plague. Granted that at the December and January Criminal Sessions the calendars presented by the Attorney General contained an unusual number of indictment of the gravest character, and that the Chief Justice will have another capital charge to deal with at the February sittings statistics of crime in the Colony during the past year go far to prove that Hongkong is not nearly so bad as she is painted. The real application of any test concerning the increase of crime comes when we reach the volume of summary offences dealt with by our magistrates. As we have already seen we are here met with a decrease which, having regardto the efficiency of our police, whose duty is to prevent rather than detect crime, is Burely a satisfactory state of affairs for the Colony. ... The number of cases tried by the magistrates in 1904 amounted to 13,467; and that in 1903 to 13,669, shewing a torial comments on this circular, printed decrease of 202. In 1902 the number of in the Straits Times of the 18th inst. It cases dealt with at the Magistracy was no | will be observed that the writer remarks less then 16,070 as against 14,531 in 1901, that "rather than risk the heavy charges of 14,081 in 1900, 10,158 in 1899 and 13,341 | the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, [steamin 1898. Statistics, such as these, are ship owners have, in many cases, preferred always useful from whatever point of view to get their vessels overhauled at home, we regard them, and when one comes or have sent them on to Hongkong to the to get at facts that lie behind the array of Kowloon Docks, though in the latter case figures the results are instructive and, so far it was perhaps a leap out of the frying pan as those under consideration at present into the fire." In reference to the latter are concerned, somewhat surprising. As statement it is needless for us to assert on our civilisation advances we become more what slender evidence the opinion of our and more surrounded with a network of southern contemporary is based. The Ordinances and police regulations and so statement, if left uncontradicted, may give forth, mainly directed to the interests of the rise to erroneous impressions, which may be public safety, health and comfort, and it is | prejudicial to the interests of Hongkong. the incurring of the prescribed penalties by Not so very long ago we printed in these

comforting remark that, comparatively speaking, they show little or no tendency to increase; indeed, rather the opposite, whenthe great increase of our cosmopolitan population is considered.

THE ST. PETERSBURG RIOTS.

(th24 January.) The civilized world was recently startled by the report that the down-trodden millions of Russia had at length found leaders willing and able to give expression to their thoughts, their scelings and their wrath at the shortcomings of their rulers. It is now even more amazed at the tragic turn in the tide of affairs at St. Petersburg. But a few weeks ago representatives of the people discussed the text of an important document embodying recommendations for reforms in State administration. This was presented to the Tsar, and shortly afterwards it was given forth that certain changes would be effected. I appears that the Government took this step with a view to pacifying the Socialist and Revolutionary parties, but, contrary to expectation, it has had the result of still further incensing them. So strong, indeed, has become the movement that the government will experience the greatest difficulty in stemming its strong current, and further arresting the progress of the culture of the country which they have stopped for so many years by their bureaucratic rule over society. "Injustice has reached the limit of endurance, and death is preferable to intolerable suffering," is the cry of the oppressed toilers, who have declared their readiness to die before the Winter Palace if no reply is given to their prayer. On Sunday fifteen thousand of the so-called strikers started out to make a peaceful demonstration in front of the Tsar's home overlooking the Neva. They were unable to reach the Winter Palace as Cossacks and Uhlans opened fire, slaughtering the workmen by hundreds, and finally driving them back. Not to be beaten, however, the demonstrators have erected barricades at Basil Island and are endeavouring to put up similar defences in that beautiful street known as the Nevsky Prospect. That the dawn of a revolution seems near at hand will At 12 Quinsan Gardens, Shanghai, on 21st | readily be imagined on reading the intelligence sent by our London correspondent and through Reuter's agency. What the On 18th January, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, outcome will be it is impossible to forecaste. The Tsar has fled, troops remain in the streets, the rioters are accumulating explosives, and fellow workmen have already defeated the military outside of the city and are now marching into the capital. The day of hai, on the 22nd of January, the wife of H. reckoning seems very mear at hand, and Russia is, indeed, to be sincerely pitied just now. Since the fall of Port Arthur the and we were told that they have lost faith in the Government. That they had realised they were living in a fool's paradise must have been apparent many months ago when the Government embarked upon the war, They soon saw the Baltic Fleet pottering about until it became the laughing stock of the world and nearly brought further disaster upon the country by, their hysterical voyage down the North Sea. This was followed by its slow progress to the Far East at the same time as Kuropatkin was scrambling out of Manchuria and Stoessel being hard pressed at Port Arthur. The state of the country is terrible, indeed; Russia is reaping as she has sown, and the harvest is the inevitable vindication of an intolerable weight of tyranny to which her people have for so long been subjected.

# TANJONG PAGAR DUTK CO.

(25th January.)

The following circular was, issued in London, under date Dec. 20th to the shareholders in the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited:-

I beg to advise you that we have just been informed by the Colonial Office that, in view of the peculiar position occupi d by this company at Singapore and the public interests that are involved therein, it has been decided to expropriate the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited, and to vest its assets in the Colonial Government. The Colonial Office furtherslate that the Governor of the Straits Settlements will prepare and introduce an Ordinance for this purpose will provide for settle ent of the terms of expropriation by agreement, or, failing that, by arbitration. I am directed to assure you that, in common with the Boird, this committee will use every means in their power to safeguard the interests of the shareholders in this company. By order of the Committee, I am, &c. Lewis Fraser, Secretary of the London Consulting Committee.

In another column we reproduce the edi-

persons under these varied and various columns the report of a meeting of the enactments and provisions that a large per- United States Merchant Marine Commiscentage of cases at the Magistracy is due. sion, appointed to investigate the conditions. It is the multiplication of these offences which handicap American shipping interests; for refusal being that sufficient reason had not the whole question of the awarding of the which would account for a rise in the in competition with other nations of the criminal statistics, and not any increase of world. Amongst the voluminous evidence actual crime. Indictable offences, or those taken before the Commission at San Frantried at the Criminal Sessions, which con- cisco, the president of the Pacific Mail stitute, of course, the serious crime of the Steamship Company laid stress on the Colony, may be set on one side with the importance of the docking accommodation subordinate members of the Service, and an Portland Cement Co. is not represented in

obtain by public competition the order from prayer and grant it as the tardy recognithe 11. S. Government for the Fathomer, tion of an old-standing grievance. which was handed over in its finished condition to the Philippine Government as a craft, the like of which it would have redounded to the credit of the best firms of two theories advanced in these columns a trade. Towards the close of last year the tion of the best product, as far ments up to the high standard of efficiency they have attained, we may claim, without hesitation, for this concern, the credit of being second to none in the East,

# SUBORDINA 1E CIVIL SERVANTS.

(26th January.) will remain at anything approaching its since we cannot for one moment imagine it to their charges. Indeed, the low dollar has been of the local product can satisfy the most approached the Secretary of State for we fail to see in what respect the Green Is. some compensation, the reply received Co. could have felt any apprehension as way of exchange compensation, the ground the Cebu harbour works. But arising out of consisting of Messrs. Shewan, Gray, and through whom they are in the habit of deal-Gillies, reported on the salaries of the ing. It has been alleged that the Alsen

we believe we are correct in stating that the when compared with their brethren in the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty hold | commercial and other services in the Colony. kong Docks. We have it on the authority that can command any support of a cause, of the Chairman of the Company, in his which, until redressed, remains as a standing the contract made with the Admiralty in ample and adequate resources for the ad-H.M.S. Glory was successfully completed The lower branch of the Service is no less within the contract time, to the satisfaction important than the higher as a component until then, considered of a magnitude and while we were strenuous in our advocacy of mouth. Quite recently when the Joint were concerned, we feel it incumbent on an addition to their fleet of steamers, tenders with pensistency our support of a cause were invited from home yards and the local which must be espoused by all right-mindbuilders, and as a result the Hongkong ed individuals, be they civil servant or Dock Co. secured the contract at a figure unofficial. With His Excellency's sense to underbid. Similarly, did our Company recognise the fairness of the petitioners'

#### A DEAL IN CEMBNI.

able action of the Colonial Office, we feel the supply of the cement which is to be in the position of ousting in the Philippines certain that the position of the Hongkong used in the harbour improvements now every brand of cement turned out from the Dock Co. will remain as unassailable as it being made at Cebu, and quite a number of European factories. The Archipelago holds has been in the past. Guided as it is by the firms from all parts of the world submitted out splendid prospects of a lucrative market policy of maintaining its numerous establish- bids. These were opened on the 31st for the local product, and what with the har-December, and a few days ago the con- hourscheme in progress, the railways and other sulting engineer of the Commission and important public works in contemplation nounced that the successful tenderers were those Islands should offer a splendid outlet the Alsen Portland Cement Co., of Ham- for the productions of Hongkong's manuburg, who have agreed to deliver the factories. They need, at any rate, careful cement by the 1st April at the price of \$2.27 and constant watching. G. per barrel. It is against this decision that many of the Manila merchants have It may be stated that we are harping on since taken strong objection, one of their the principle of the labourer being worth his most important, grounds of protest being hire in reverting once again to the question | that the successful bidders did not submit of adequate compensation being paid to those a sample barrel of cement for test, and that subordinate members of the Government instead of sending a cheque or bond service who do not rank with their brother- with their tender, as exacted by the rules, officers in the privilege of drawing exchange | they deposited it to the credit of the Governcompensation by reason of the inordinate ment in San Francisco. Exception was rise in the cost of living in Hongkong, with- taken most strongly to the question of the in the past decade and a half. This is a test barrel, and among those protesting subject; which has frequently been brought against the award was the Manila agent to the notice of the public through the for the Emerald Green Island brand of medium of these columns, and now that it is cement who had submitted a tender for being re-opened by reason of another petition the contract. It appears, however, that having been sent to the Government asking lefforts have been directed towards that the Secretary of State for the Colonies | belittling his objection the allegation be requested to reconsider his last decision I having been made that: "there never in the matter, we feel it devolves upon us to has been, nor is there now a single again support the cause and endeavour to get | barrel of Emerald Green Island cement suba redress of the grievance. Had it not been mitted to the office of the consulting enfor the fluctuation of the purchasing value | gineer for test." We are pleased to see that of the dollar the hardship entailed, owing the interest of the Hongkong factory is so to the refusal of Government to grant ex- carefully looked after by the representatives change compensation, would certainly not of the Green Island Cement Co. at Manila. have proved such a serious burden to the We have consequently no hesitation in low-salaried men in the Service, and al- stating that we do not believe the assertion though at present the price of the white made as the reason for the failure of the metal has considerably appreciated evid- Green Is. Co to obtain the award by the ence is wanting to show that the dollar omission of one of the essential particulars, present high rate. Assuming that it does, be possible for the general managers of such it cannot be taken for granted that, an efficiently conducted company to make so once prices of all commodities have serious an omission when tendering for a been put up, they will be brought down in heavy contract. As we recently pointed out like ratio to the appreciation in the gold in our columns, when describing the plant value of the dollar. Two years ago exchange at Hokun, the most severe tests are always fell to as low as 1/64d, to the dollar with the required by the Government officials and result that the cost of living rose to a re- dock contractors in Hongkong where two markable extent, rents were increased, food very large graving docks, capable of holdbecame dearer, and hardship in many ways ing the biggest ships in the world, are was inflicted upon those not drawing salary in course of construction; one being in sterling or being without exchange com- built by the British Admiralty and one by pensation. In time the sterling worth of the Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and Green dollar began slightly to rehabilitate, but trades- Island cement is being exclusively used in people and others saw no reason for reducing the construction of both. If the standard responsible for high rates in many directions, exacting of tests applied by the British Naval and when subordinate Civil Servants have experts and officers of the Royal Engineers, has been to the effect that he is unable to regards the tests which their cement might grant any increase of salaries or any relief by be subjected to by the engineer in charge of been shown for such on the part of the contract is a point the importance of which pelitioners. In July 1900 a Commission, cannot be underestimated by local firms appointed by H.E. Sir H. A. Blake and having representatives in the Philippines

in Eastern waters to the shipowners in the alternative scheme was adopted by Govern- Manila and in no way helps to support the States. He stated before the Commission ment which had for its object the classi- Government; consequently it can readily that he could have all his ships docked and ficition of its officers & Unfortunately, the underbid any local firm who bears these overhauled in Hongkong at 55 per cent less benefit from this has been exceedingly burdens. The policy of the Government, than what is costs in San Francisco. More small to the majority of members in the according to the Far Eastern heview, has over, he asserted that the Pacific Mail Com- lower branch of the Service, while the been to purchase in the local market whenpany would rather have the cleaning and advantages, accrued to those domiciled in ever possible, being opposed to making. painting of their ships done in the Orient, gold standard countries: was equal to foreign purchases direct, so much so that all other things being equal, because—and about a hundred per cent increase in in many instances orders are placed with he regretted to say it-the Chinese labourers salary plus exchange compensation. Mr. local houses, allowing them ten per did better work than the Americans. That TieH. Whitehead championed the cause cent. profit above the actual cost. In the the charges in Hongkong for the repairing of the subordinate members of the Service case in point it is stated that there are and overhauling of ships with the same and was instrumental in bringing about many German firms in Manila through degree of efficiency must necessarily com the appointment of the Commission. As whom the tender for the supply of cement pare to the advantage of the local docks the general question will now be reviewed could have been placed. As a matter of as against the home yards, there is no by the present Governor who, it may be fact, a Chinese merchant tendered in form on question, since the cost of skilled labour expected will approach the subject with an the same brand of cement, quoting \$2.57 G. is so infinitely smaller here, in Hongkong, unbiassed mind, it is to be hoped in the per barrel. The difference between this where Chinese for the most part are interests of the petitioners that their renewed and the bid from the factory must necesemployed as artisans and mechanics effort will meet with that fair measure of sarily represent the merchant's profit plus the under technical and practical European success which their case undoubtedly merits. cost of conducting business under American supervision. Times out of number has it It is to us a matter for surprise that the lower laws, or 30 cents per barrel. The Review been publicly stated by private shipping branch of the Government service still re- asserts that, if the same course of action firms that work entrusted to the Hongkong tains such a large number of capable, had been pursued by the Green Island and Whampoa | ock Co. is in every respect | efficient, painstaking and industrious officers | Cement Co., in cutting under their Manila equal to the best of its kind turned out in of unimpeachable integrity since it is con- agent, by a direct bid, there is little doubt. the same high opinion of the labour and Theirs is a hard case, and controlling no the Commission is entirely opposed to workmanship accounted for by the Hong- influence in the higher branch of the Service Governor Wright's policy that marked the relations of the Government with the commercial public of the archipelago. Should speech at the last ordinary meeting, that grievance against a Government possessed of foreign firms having no agents in the Philippines be permitted to outbid others with local December last [1903] for a thorough refit of ministration of a most important Colony, representatives the Government might as well put up the shutters so far as genuine business is concerned. In the case under of the Naval Authorities." The nature and of the whole machinery which moves in the consideration the extra thirty cents per barret extent of the work on the battleship were, administration of the public service, and on the goods offered by the Chinaman, bidding according to published specifications, description to be carried out only at Ports- a well-paid service when the higher officials | would have amounted to \$9,000. This difference represents the profits of the agent, all River Steamboat Companies contemplated ourselves in pure impartiality to reiterate of which, it is argued in Manila, would have remained in the Philippines. The revenue tax of one-third of one per cent on the entire importation would have amounted to \$229, payable directly into the coffers of which it was impossible for the firms at home of justice and fairplay, we trust he will the government again. The remainder would have gone to swell the successful bidder's invested capital, to be turned over and over, subjected to new taxation at each transaction, until it would be difficult to judge just how much of the original \$9,000 the government would have received back .The circumstances under which the in the shape of internal revenue and builders to turn out from any yard at home | Philippine Government has recently awarded | Customs taxes. However that may be, the or in the States. It will be seen that a contract for the supply of thirty thousand award in itself, though not representing too Hongkong is in the unique position to barrels of cement impresses upon us the large a sum of money, involves a question hold its own against any and every com- necessity of watching our commercial in- fraught with considerable interest to this petitor, and now that the Tanjong Pagar Co. | terests in Hongkong, and guarding against | Colony. For situated in the very neighis on the eve of being expropriated by the the action of foreign competitors in their bourhood of the Philippines and possessed Home Government under the second of the endeavours to underbid us in affairs of of every condition necessary to the producfew weeks since as the ground for the justifi- Civil Commission advertised for tenders for cement goes, Hongkong should have been

# TELEGRAMS

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

> ST. PETERSBURG STRIKERS

CHARGED BY TROOPS.

PREVENTED REACHING PALACE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

London, 22nd January, 5.05 p.m.

The riots of the strikers continued throughout the whole of St. Petersburg, and the troops have been called upon to make repeated charges on the people.

Efforts made by the workmen to reach the Winter Palace have been frustrated by the soldiers, and it is estimated that the casualties are at least two hundred.

Father Gapon, the young leader of the strikers, has been wounded.

THE UPHEAVAL IN RUSSIA

STRIKERS! CASUALTIES.

MILITARY DEFEATED. London, 23rd January,

The St. Petersburg correspondent

of the Westminster Gazette has wired to his journal that the total casualties in the recent fighting were, in round figures, 2,000 killed and 5,000 wounded.

thousands of explosives.

Twelve thousand Capiloff (? workers have, after a severe fight with government troops, succeeded in defeating the military and are now

marching into the capital,

Opium for China.

From Our Own Correspondent:

Bombar, 26th January, The P. & O. Co.'s mail steamer left Bombay yesterday afternoon with bout 968 chests of Malwa opium. Prices are as follows:

> Malwa (Now) ... Rs. 1,670 ,, (Old) ..., 1,770 " (Oldest) " 1,850"

# A MISSION OF MERCY.

H.M.S. "HUMBER基

LEAVES FOR PORT ARTHUR:

We understand on reliable authority that H.M.'s storeship I umber, which left here about 7 p.m. on Saturday, is proceeding to Weihaiwei, Port Arthur and Dalny with medical stores, appliances, etc. for use the home yards at much greater cost. And sidered that, as a class, they are underpaid but they would have secured the contract. If for the wounded. Fleet Surgeon P. B. Hansuch be the case and the successful tenderers | dyside; R.N., has embarked on the humber, are not represented in Manila the action of which may put in at Shanghai on her way. to the north. It will be remembered that in our columns a few days since we istated that H.M.S. .- Indromeda had been despatched with medical comforts, etc., to Port Arthur, on the fall of the stronghold, but while being thanked by the Japanese, was politely informed that her presence was not then required.

### ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the Finance Commitee of the Alice Memorial, Nethersole, and Alice Memorial Maternity Hospitals was held last evening. Among those present were:-Hop. Mr. A. W. Brewin (Chairman), Drs. Mitchell, Thomson, and Ho Kai, Revs. H. R. Wells and T. W. Pearce; Messrs. S. W. Tso, A. Mackenzie, A. Rumjahn, Chau Siu Ki and Clark, and Dr. Gibson (Secretary).

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. Wells, in submitting his report, said there had been an exceptionally heavy expenditure this year in the matter of furniture-about \$800 -spent mainly in connection with the Mateinity Hospital, but thanks to Mr. Brewie, Mr. Chau biu Ki and other hiends, they had been able to clear off this balance.

Mr. Rumjahn moved the adoption of the

Mr., Chau Siu Ki seconded the motion,

BALANCE SHEET. In presenting the balance sheet of the Alice

Memorial Materoity Hospital Building Fund, Dr. Gibson said the hospital opened free of debt. With Dr. Ho Kai and others, funds had come in as promised. Dr. Thomson moved, and the Rev. T. W.

Pearce seconded, that the balance sheet as submitted be adopted. Carried. TH INKS.

Mr. A. Mackenzie moved a vote of thanks to those who had been at work in connection with the accounts during the year. On Mr. Wells, as hoporary tr asurer, a great deal of work devolved and he could assure the committee they were fortunate in securing the services of a man like Mr. Wells. They also owed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lawson, the auditor. He had done his work carefully and well as they all knew, and well deserved the thanks of the Finance Committee.

RE-ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. The Bon, Dr. Ho Kai had much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Mr. Brewin as chairman for the coming year. It was entirely due to his energet c action in 1904 that the balance of \$3,600 odd was wiped off. In Mr. Brewin they had a most energetic and sympathetic chairman of the Finance Committee; and he certainly thought that no one in the Colony could occupy that position in a more effective manner than he (Mr. Brewin) had.

Mr. Tso seconded the motion, which was

agreed to. . The Hon. Mr. Brewin thanked them for their kindness shown in acknowledging the kind way Dr. Ho Kai had spoken of him, and said it was very gratifying to read the good record of progress made by the Hospital since 1887. the steady increase in the number of patients, and the large additions to the accommodation, He was very glad to know that during the present year they would have another reminder in ex stence in Hongkong of the debt we owe to the philanthropy of Dr. Ho Kai and his family. He suggested to those most keenly interested in extending the Maternity Hospital and wished to further its work would be in the establishment of what is called in India a Zenana Mission. Considerable support is received by the Chinese at present, as can be seen by the names on the committee. If they received their support, imagine what it would be if they were practically benefiting from the hospital. At present they are purely actuated to subscribe by abstract evidence. Until they had penetrated into Chinese families -which can only be done by the advent of a lady doctor-and convinced the Chinese ladies that they and their children will derive practical benefit from European dectors, they could not expect, he thought, much greater assistance than they receive at present. Mr. Wells and Dr. Ho Kai were very kind in remarking what he had done towards wiping off the hospital's debt. They would all agree with him in wishing Dr. Gibson bon voyage, and permitting him to recruit his health after the arduous labour. which the post he holds entails. . . . - Dr. Gibson thanked the members of the

committee for their kind wishes. His work was pleasure to him, and he haved to resume it after his short holiday.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

From the 19:4 report of the above institutions we learn that throughout the year the numbers of cases treated has been well maintained, the outputient department showing an The strikers have since seized increase of 1,359 over returns for 1903. It is gratifying that through the generous help of friends at home and in the Colony the Maternity Hospital has been erected, furnished and no debt remains on the building. In 1887 the Alice Memorial Hospital was opened, in 1803 the Netersole Hospital, in 1904 the Alice Memorial, Mathernity Hospital, and in 1905

the Ho Mul Kwai Hospital, which has already

been begun, will be completed. The site of

Ho Mui Kwai Hospital, lying immediately to the West of the incitorsole and Maternity Hospital, has been kindly given by the Hongkong Government, and the cost of erecting the building has been undertaken by a Chinese lady, belonging to a well-known Hongkong family, whose generosity is highly appreciated. The close proximity of this hospital to the Cr. Nethersola Hospital, will greatly assist in the general management of the increasing work.

During 1901, the number of in-patients in the Alice Memorial Hospital was 491, in the Nethersole Hospital 335 and in the Alice Memorial Maternity Hospital 38. In the Alice Hospital, surgical cases formed 52 per cent of the whole, opthalmic cases, 31 per cent and medical cases 17 per cent, while in Nethersole Hospital the surgical cases formed 38 per cent, medical cases 32 per cent, ophthalmic 27 per cent and obstetric (including gynascological) 3 per cent. The large number of surgical cases, which included fractures, injuries and diseases of bone, emphasises the great need for an K Ray apparatus, a special effort to obtain which will be made. The cost is about £120. The total number of out-patients treated at the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospital and Yau Ma Ti Dispensary was as follows :- individual cases, 14,796, total visita of outpatients 27,785, including 5,573 surgical dressings. Owing to-the large proportion of cases. requiring surgical dressings the expense of, working the out-patient department is considerable.

Financially the hospitals have been benefitted greatly by a special collection made to clear off the overdraft on the general account. The arrangements were made by the Chinese members of the Finance Committee and a . sum of over \$3,000 was obtained. The success of this effort was largely due to Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Mr. Chau Siu Ki, to whom our best thanks are due. Mr. Wells has been Honorary Freasurer and Mr. Lau Wai Chun has kindly collected the annual Chinese donations.

The committee gratefully acknowledge special donations of £64 from Mrs. Gibson, Paisley, and £20 from Mrs. Coverely, Oporto, which were devoted to the purchase of beds. blankers, and general farniture required for the Maternity Hospital; also donations in kind received from St. leter's Church, and Dany Farm Co , Ltd.

The London Missionary Society has appointed Dr. I. E. Mitchell as Superintendent during my furlough, and from 1st February, 1905, all letters relating to hospital matters should be addressed to him.

SANITAKY BOARD.

24th inst. The usual firtnightly meeting of the Sanitars Board is being held in the Board soom this

HOUSE CL'ANSING. The Medical Officer of Health submitted a reput showing that during the month of December 5,932 houses, containing 15,850 floors were cleaned, and 427 cardoads of jubbish removed their trans.

BL . CK QUARTER. The Colonial V terming Surgeon submitted a report of a case of black quarter ( auschbrand) in Kennedy Town animal depot on the and in t. The animal, a bullock, arrived from Wuchow in a moribund condition, and was immediately sent to the slaughter house and killed. The other animals that arrived at the same time were healthy, but were isolated The case is chiefly of interest from the fact that it is the first of its kind that has been recorded in China. It is very common in Britain. The disease is not communicable to man, nor is it very infectious among animals. It is contracted by inoculation only.

BATH HOUSES. Correspondence was laid on the table regarding the converting of a public latrice in Gough Strent and the premises occupied by No. Police Station into public bath-houses for

Mr. Rumjahn minuted :-- No. 3 Police Station is too valuable a property to be converted into bath-houses. A site on the hill-side on top of the nullah, east of the station, should be selected for the purpose.

LIME-WASHING. During the month of December 9,737 houses were limewashed under the supervision of the Sanitary Department inspectors.

RAT RETURNS. Up to the 21st inst., 4,856 rats were caught and destroyed in Victoria and Kowloon. these 47 were infected.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

Following is the sixteenth report of the board of directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the company's offices, Victoria Buildings, at 2 30 p.m. on 30th inst. Gentlemen,-The directors now submit to

you a statement of the affairs of the company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1904. The balance of profit and loss account for the

year, after writing off all charges and expenses, amounted to \$18,927.79. The directors, therefore, recommend that a dividend of \$3.00 per share be paid, which, after writing off the directors' and auditor's fees, will leave a balance of \$377.79 to be carried forward to credit of a new profit and loss account

DIRECTORS. Messrs, T. H. Reid and J. N. Goosmann having resigned, Mr A. Rodger has been invited to join the board, this now requires confirmation.

Messrs. W. H. Gaskell and T. F. Hough retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election. AUDITOR.

The accounts have been audited by Mr Thos. Arnold, who now retires, but offer himself for re-election. T, F. HOUGH,

Chairman. Hongkong, 13th January, 1905.

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1904. Linbilities. Dec. 31, Paid-up capital, ..... \$180,000 00 |

Accounts payable, ..... 464.12 Dividends outstanding, ... Balauce of profit & loss a/c, 18,927.79

Assets. Dec. 31, Cash, ...... \$ \$5,387.36 Cost of property, .......... 182,032.17 Accounts receivable, ,.... 2,097.33

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. Dec. 31, To charges, ..... Crown rent, ........ n fire insurance, ...... repairs, ..... commission to agents, , balance to be appropriated as follows:--

directors' fees, ......\$ 500.00 auditor's fees, dividend of \$3 per share, ... 18,000,00 tto be carried to new profit & loss a/c, 377.79

1; By balance brought for-.ward...... scrip fees,..... unclaimed dividends,...

> A. SHELTON HOOPER Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ld., agents for the Kowloon Land and Building

Co., Ltd. I have compared the above statements with the books, vouchers and securities of the company and have found the same to be correct. THOS. ARNOLD,

Audilor. Hongkong, 13th January, 1905.

THE WEIHAIWEI GOLD MINING CO., L'D. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

PRESENTED.

I he extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the Weih.iwei Gold Mining special Committee of three of their number apthe Company, was held at Shanghai on 18th, asked to become a Director from to-day, (Directors), Mr. C. E. Cunningham (representing the Secretaries), and about thirty shareholders.

to the fact that neither of the three gentlemen who made the report were present. Mr. Moller has gone to Weihaiwei to examine the Property. on behalf of the shareholders, and it was stated that Mr. McMuttrie could not attend. Mr. C. P. Allan arrived a little late.

The Chairman-Mr. Allan having arrived we will proceed with the business of the meetling. The Committee appointed by you at the meeting of the 11th inst have handed in a statement of accounts which is now in your and to pay the first call on the new shares, which hands.

The statement as circulated read :-Following is the starement (approximately, of the Weinsiwel Gold Mining Co., Ld. :-CASH ACCOUNT.

Salaries in Shanghai for January exclusive of Dawson ..... 2,075. 0 Bills owing in Shanghai including Dawson's salary and passage ..... Wolff's months' salary ... Wolff passage home ..... Forth's ... Desb rough's saliry 3 months....... passa, e home..... Pak's salary ..... Bill due on steel ......

Cash on hand ... ......\$5,555 Balanco to receive on bar ..... 1,300 Value of concentrates for Nov., Dec., Jan., say 120 tons Dawson's Valuation £400 per month say £50...... 6,000 Probable value of bar Jan. say ... 4,000 **----**\$16,855.00

This statement is made on the understanding that Messrs. Salmon. Verschoyle and Ramsey are retained; if they are to be dismissed, then whatever is due them has to be debited, and rapprove the reconstruction of the company? also that Messes. Wolff, Forth, Desborough and Pak receive notice of dismissal on or before the 31st January, 1905.

C. P. Allan. J. McMuttrie. A. Moller.

Shanghai, 13th January, 1995. The Chairman-Your Directors do not agree with this statement. The Committee call it cash account but in it is included \$6,000 for concentrates, which may or may not be realised. They have also included \$4,000 for the probable value of bar for February, which cannot be expected to arrive here before about the 12th of the month. These two items tegether amount to \$10,000 The only change we see is for the worse, as we are incurring further

expenses day by day. Mr. Morriss-The \$4,000 represent the probable value of bar for January, not for February. The Chairman-But we shall not receive it until the 12th February. On Monday, the 16th instant, two bills were presented which we did not accept; one was for £71, 19s tod for mine. candles; one for \$1,800 came down from Weihaiwei; and, we are now advised of another from Weihaiwei for \$550 \$5,000 must be sent up to Weihaiwei before the Chinese New Year to avoid a riot amongst the miners. (Laughter;) Well! ask Mr. Taylor; he will tell you

that if they do not get their wages they will burn our property. gested the dismissal of the entire staff.

not paid the call on the preference shares due on the 15th inst, to paragraph 19 of the Articles of Association (the article ed for not more than six Directors, He asked part, provides for the payment of interest on the amounts not paid up to date). On the Mr. C. P. Allan and Mr. L. R. Burkhardt to join other side of the question, a little more satis- them from date, factory though not much so, I received yesterday a letter from the Imperial Chinese Mining tion at all and would write to the gentlemen Administration: (This letter was read; it ac- imamed. ceded to the wish of the Directors that Mr. Wallace Broad, Mining Expert to the Chinese | that a call of \$2 per share would raise in round

amination and report on the mine.) Mr. Taylor-I trust we shall not separate of welve per cent debentures in the meantime. to night without doing something practical. These informal meetings without result are making us the laughing stock of Shanghai. Our Managing Director has made up his mind, of praing the full sum was promised in the room; or what he calls his mind, that the Chargeny is ruined, and he will do nothing to help us out of in regard to shutting down the mill and the mess late which he and his colleagues have dismissing some of the staff, to effect the landed us, 'Youshave noticed that the Extra- | egonomy mentioned in the final paragraph of ordinary General Macting we called for about suberCommittee's report. four weeks ago will not be held until the and of . The meeting did not favour any stoppage of Fobruary, If, as I hope will be the case, we work,

decide upon reconstruction, we shall have to wait for the Confirmation to the completed. which will carry us well into March before we 18,927.79 | gel any money in. Before that time arrives we shall. If multhing is down meanwhile to finance \$24,648.18 the Company, Be hopleletaly broken. Now I know our Directors are honourable men. and that all we have to complain about is their fatuous incompetence and want of energy, but "I have to warn them that : know their action, or rather want of action, has given rise to grave doubts among shatcholders who do not know them personally and only judge from the reports of these meetings. "It is difficult for a shareholder at a distance to believe that hodourable men who have assumed such grave responsibilities should, simply through, incompetence, make no effect; to save the interests confided to them. I know, course, that it is not so, but their methods could not be improved upon were they working for a syndicate desirblis bi securing our property at a llow figure. And this is what is going to happen to us if we do not take immediate action. The shareholders as a body must rouse themselves, and not rely always upon a low of their number to come forward again to find funds to carry on. I believe we have a villuable property, but the fact is we do not know what we chave. I am sure that you question the Directors regarding cour concessions you will find that not tone of them can give you the smallest information about them. They have done nothing to have them examined; and all we really do know is that we have a fully equipped mine which Mr. Duff and Mr. Dawson both tell us has good prospects if it is properly worked. Company, Ld., to receive the report of the think the shareholders will an agree with me that the first thing to do is to get an active man pointed to examine the books and accounts of on the Board, and I suggest that Mr. Allan be inst., at the Chamber of Commerce room., understand that Mr. Heffer and Mr. E.S. Lit There were present Mr. Marcus Wolff (Chair- tle will both be willing to serve if Mr Duff and man), Capt. Dobie, and Mr. J. M. Young Mr. Moller recommend reconstruction. This matter ought to be decided to-day, as we should probably have no other chance of expressing our wishes before next month. As for recons-There was some delay in commencing owing 'truction, 'I think there' can' be' no doubt 'we should be foolish not to support it. When the Company was first floated it was a speculation. vet the \$20 shares were subscribed for three times over. It can hardly be called a specula tion now if we are to believe our experts; for Gi

to find out what else we have. I believe that a sufficient number of the shareholders will pledge themselves to support reconstruction I consider should be a call of \$2, the Bank would upon these personal guarantees, advance us the small sum needed to carry us over the period of reconstruction. A circular ought to be sent out to all shareholders at once calling for this Expenses at Weihaiwei for Jan. say ... \$ 5,000.00 | guirantes. I consider twe should follow Mr. Dawson's advice and shut down the mill for a time, cut down all avoidable expenses, push forward development vigorously, and send up 6,334.60 the best expert we can get to report not only on 498.co the mine but on all our other properties. know very little about mining but I think I can 500.00 understand the present position at Gin Tze Ling. When the ore is found in narrow lades it is evident it must be attacked at a good many points to get out sufficient to keep the mill going at full power, depecially a 'the ore may give out temporarily at one or more points. This necessitates sinking shafts and driving levels at various depths. I do not understand why this was not foreseen extlier, but we have to face the situation as it is. We need not lose heart at all. If we pull together, and especially our affairs are confided to men with even an average allowance of brains and energy, i believe we shall yet have 'reason'to 'congratula's ourselves. But I am quite certain of this that if we allow our present Managing Director to remain in command of the ship, we shall not get off the rocks he has landed us on, but

Tzu Ling will pay in time. It is worth while sub-

scribing some more money to preserve this and

there will be no salvage (app'ause). Mr. Allan-What vote will be necessary to The Chairman-Athree-quarters majority of the votes represented at the meeting called for the and of February.

Mr. Taylor-Kindly read out the Article in the Articles of Association; I don't think you will find it.

The Chairman-It is not in the Articles of

.Mr. Hunt-May I suggest that we take vote now to ascertain how, many will be prepared to support reconstruction? The Chairman-Certainly, and the number of shares they represent.

Mr. S. Hunt-A preliminary show of hands would give an indication.

The show of hands showed a large majority in favour of reconstruction. A list of shareholders together with the number of shares held by each, who would vote for reconstruction, was also signed but the full result was not arrived at before the meeting dispersed.

Mr. Allan-il see that no other member o the committee who draw up the report before the meeting is present, and it ought not to pass without a remark in answer to the Chairman. think the statement we drew up is a very fair ne. Had we'not but on the value of the concentrates for January we should have been in error. It makes no difference that the money will:not come in till the 12th of Febuary ; i belongs to the January account. If we owe money on the 1st, but know that this is coming in on the 12th, we are justified in putting one Mr. Taylor-I said that because you sug- against the other. As regards the value of the concentrates we took what Mr. Moller con-The Chairman-In addition to the \$5,000, | sideredia fair sum ; if they have not been disthere is \$9,000 due to Mr. Dawson for salary posed of, it is hardly the fault of the Committee, and passage. He would have been here by the | who examined the books. It has been menlast steamer, but waited according to our | tioned that two other gentlemen have expressed instructions by wire, to see Mr. Moller willinghess to go on the board of directors, but Against these liabilities we have \$5,550 in cash. They consented to do so under certain condi-The shareholders will see the absolute need | tions. They would not take over from the for further funds, and we have not time to wait | present directors if the company is to go into till the meeting called for the 2nd of February, Liquidation, to save the present directors from There is still unsubscribed \$3,200 of the \$2,000 | work they should do, thut they would take twelve per cent : debentures: last issued; and if office if reconstruction were, agreed to and these were taken up that would enable us shareholders also agreed to pay a call of \$1 of to pay these bills. We also expect \$1,200 | \$2 per share to life the company over the next from the December bullion and someone might | three or four mouths. Under those circums advance us \$1,000 against that security. (A | tances we will take over as soon as the sharelaugh.) These two sources would give us about holders are willing (Applause). What the of the most complete and careful rehearsal \$5,000, which would tide us over to a certain company seems to want is a bank. We have extent, but will not enable us to pay off certain incomings in a short time and I cannot any of our | debiedness, | wish to call | but think that a bank could be found to advance the attention of those sharehiders who have 'us what we need for the time being. (Applause).

The Chairman-I am afraid not. Mr. Taylor temarked that the Articles providwhether the present hoard would object to ask

The Chairman said the Board had no object. .In answer to Mr. Sullivan, the Chairman sald

Imperial Administration, should make an ex- figures \$54,000, He asked if the meeting could nnt take up t e \$3,200 outstanding on the issue Mr. Hay, Mr. Young, and others preed that an effort should the made to get this fextra money; subscribed, and with a certain amount

The Chairman asked what should be done

At the request of a shareholder, the Chairman , made up capitally as Mr. Kershaw, the country it.is received. The meeting gradually thinned and dis-

persed .- N. C. D. News. TANJONG PAGAR DOCK CO.

The following editorial appeared in a recent issue of the Straits Times :-During the past week or so the directors of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company have had before them the Government's proposals arent the taking over of their property, and in some respects definite results have been attained. Shipowhers and others interested in all that pertains to a docking concern have evinced the keenest unxiety to know what would be the idecision arrived at with regard. to the actual management of the business; they have been anticipating big changes and radical reforms. That there is need for such changes and reforms is a thing beyond dispute. Tanjong Pagur with its " + 500 per cent," and its " extras" has been the drend lof shipowners' for 'thany' 'years' past: Rather than risk the heavy charges of the T.P.D. owners have in many cases preferred to get their vessels overhauled at home; or have sent them on to Hangkong to the Kowloon Docks -though in the latter case it was, perhaps, a leap out of the frying pan into the fire. At any rate a great deal of shipping that would have THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER been for the good of the Colony has in time past been diverted from this port for no other cause then the tightness of the screw put on by the local dock monopolists. As we say, hopes change in the managerial regime. To members handed in cards :all intents and purpose, Tanjong Pagar will W. H. Donald 33; A Brown 32; F. Fisher be run on the lines upon which the docks of A. Turner 30; H. W. Fraser 29; E. B. Shephere Bombay, for instance, are conducted. The 28; W. V. Farrell 28; A. W. Whitlow 27; H. W. personnel of the directorate will suffer no "sea | Robertson 27 ; J. Owen Hughes 26; Hon. F. H change" for the present, with the exception of !May 26; N. J. Stabb 26; A. Cameron 26; A that all non-Bittish representation on the Lewis 24; W. Dobhs 24; T. W. Hornby 23 that none but those whose interests are to be: H. T. Davis 21; C. H. Grace 21; E. V. D. disfranchised will be acutely aware of the fact. So far as the negotiations have gone the post. tion amounts to this somewhat peculiar state of things. "We have bought your Dock." says the Government to the Company, "but, bless your hearts, we don't want it; we wouldn't know what to do with it i take it back again and pay us four per cent. and carry on, we don't want huge pro-

That is the position as nearly as possible. 'It is a disappointing consummation' for the people who pay. When the Board of Directors and the management had nothing in their minds but the presentation of a [ Sailors' Institute, Arsenal Street, in which both rosy balance-sheet to their shareholders and the declaration of a thumping dividend, the occasion was taken to present them with prodigal expenditure and the leakage in the small marks of affection and esteem, subscri Company's intromissions were a by-word all bed for by the members of the Wesleyan body over the East. Under Government, things are together with assistance from a large number not certain to be better than ever from the of soldies and sailors who have profited by point of view of persons who desire to dock "Mr. Bridie's teachings in the Home. The protheir ships. It only four per cent, is required | coedings opened at six o'clock with an old as a minimum, be sure the minimum will not | fashioned English 'high tea,' at which there be rashly overstepped. It is sincerely to be were a large number of well-wishers present. hoped that, before making any final decision, many being unable to obtain seats with the Government will seek advice in the matter from outside sources in augmentation of that which they have at hand through the present | ing room upstairs where Mrs. Brown on behalf advisers of the Dock Company, with a view to of the subscribers presented Mr. and Mrs. Bridie n revision of the internal economy of the con- with a number of interesting and useful silver cern, and a stoppage of some of the grievous atticles, to remind them of their sojourn in Hongsurcharges to which shipowners using the kong, and in the course of thriefbut sympathetic Docks are presently liable. It is generally con- speech, wished them a safe journey home, and ceded that things as they stand are not all they hoped they would be successful in the future. might or should be. Tanjong Pagar official- Mr. Bridie who was heartily applauded thanked dom with Government tred tape superaided is those present for their kindness, and appreciastill more fearsome to contemplate. There is | tion of the mark he had been able to accomnot much danger, however, of the red tape plish during his stay among them. He spoke supervening. The Docks at Bombay have with pleasure of the successful enlargement of worked more or less satisfactorily under a the garrison church, which had been carried Board of Madagement such as is in process of jout at a cost of five thousand dollars, and of constitution here. Liverpool too might almost be cited as a parallel case. One of the first things to be looked for is the construction of a new graving dock of 600 0 700 feet, or else the lengthening of one of those already in existence. to allow of the docking of the largest class of come forward and assist the frequenters of the ships in the British 'Navy. The abandonment cof the projected Admiralty Dock at New Har- I the expression of hearty good wishes. bour points at the latter alternative as likely to be the ultimate conclusion. To the man in the street there is one all-sufficient gratification about the expropriation scheme, and that is

to the common good in the direction of improving the Harbour and its defences. HONGKUNG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

that the profits of this mammoth Dock Company

will no longer bulge out the pockets of a com-

paratively:few individuals, but will be devoted

"JANE" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL. Whilst the members of the above Club ca always he relied upon to give an artistic and painstaking representation of any piece they may elect to put on, it is not too much to sa that in " fane" they have excelled themselves A brighter and merrier farcical comedy. would be lindeed difficult to refect, and proved just the thing to show the club in broad .comedy at their very best. Presenting no stage or scenic difficulties, the curious action all taking place in Shackleton's rooms, Messrs, 'Harry Nicholls' and . Lestock's joint effort, went from start to finish on Saturday night without a single thirch, and created peals of laughter from the large and distinguished audience present. A full description of the piece has already appeared in these columns. Suffice it, therefore, to say that the many awkward and ludicrous situations were worked out in the most entertaining and mirth provoking style, the whole performance bearing: evidence Matthew Nathan, R.E., K.C.M G.), and large party, were present throughout the evening, some interest being centred in the fact that one of his alder-de-comp. Captain Smith, RA was playing the principal male

.Coming to the performers themselves, Mrs. Hall-Wright undertook the role of the sprightly and up-to-date Jane, and it would have been impossible to have entrusted the part to a more capable and conscientions actress. The part the hands pla practized professional, requiring a more than superficial knowledge of stage matters to present as it should be presented; but in the hands of Mrs. Hall-Wright, the very utmost was made of it, and she brought out thest. The further brings to bear upon ther times was exquisitely dry. Mr. H. W. Looker | secure funds, He issued a number of what | Year,

promised to make generally, known the effect guardian of Shackleton, and caused much amuse of Mr. Moller's report on the mine, as soon as ment by his blundering fussiness. As William Tipson, the man servant, Mr. H. W. Bire was remarkably good. The part, which bristles with lines of the unctuous style of humour, he handled in a really finished manner, and evinced a conception of what was demanded of him, not usually associated with the amateur. stage. She boy Claude was amusingly prtrayed by Mr. Tester, whn proved a capital aid to William in laughter-making, whilst Mr. D. Silias, in the small part of Mr. Pixton, was distinctly good. Mrs. J. Hooper, as the gushing Mrs. Chadwick, who persists in getting into every body's way, and becoming a general nuisance around the place, was excellent, whilst Mrs. Chichester in the small part of Lucy Norton, and Mrs. E. W. Mitchell, as Mrs. Pixton, the virage, from whom Jane borrows the baby, and which leads to such endless confusion, showed themselves to be both painstaking and capable. The eral arrangements were as usual well carried out. Mr. E. W. Mitchell had charge of the stage, and left nothing to be desired in that quarter. By permission of Rear-Admiral A.G. Curzon-Howe, and the officers of H.M.B. Glory, the Band of that battleship was in attendance, under the direction of Bandmaster 'H. Willmer, and contributed not; a little to the general success of the evening.

RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. W. H. Trenchard Davis, hon, secretary have been entertained that a relaxation would of the above association kindly favours us with follow upon the Government's acquirement of the following memo, of scores, 20 and over, the concern. Such hopes are not at all certain | made at the practice on Saturday. H.E. the of fulfillment. In the outward aspect of the Governor visited the range during the afternoon concern there is going to be practically no and took part in the shooting. Fifty-three

a numerical extension, perhaps, to permit o . T. Walker 26; 4.E. Sir Matthew Nathan 25; the admission of two or three Government re | E. Ormiston 25; C. B. Huyers 25; J. McCubbin presentatives. By and by it may be expected 21: E. Dougherty 24; J. Rankin 24; L. S. Board will disappear, but this is a matter for W. Goodfellow 23; J. S. Lewingdon 23; C. R. the future and will be effected so gradually Scott 12; J. Douglas 22; H. Pinckney Zt; W.

> Parr. 20. The range was 400 yards, and the highest possible 35

PRESENTATIONS TO THE REV. W. AND MRS. BRIDIE.

After two years' of hard work in the Wancha District, the Rev. W. Bridie, Naval Chaplain and Pastor of the Wesleyan Church, is about to take a holiday and will shortly leave for home. 'Last evening at the Soldiers' and Mr. and Mrs. Bride have taken great interest limited accommodation at command. Subsequently an adjournment w's made to the meetmany important improvements he had witnessed in connection with that Home. Several service men afterwards delivered briefaddresses emphasising the kindly natures of Mr. and Mrs. Bridie, and their willingness at all times Home. The meeting closed with cheers, and

MORE FIRES

It is but a week since we recorded the gutting of a mat-shop in Newmarket Street, by fire, and to-day we have to record another outbreak at No. .. to in the same street, also a mat-shop. This fire broke out at 4 o'clock this morning, and on the alarm being given the Fire Brigade turned out at once under Chief Inspector Baker, and repaired to the scene. Arrived there, though there was plenty of water available, the movements of the firemen were greatly hampered through the piles of mats stacked up in the road in front of the burning house. These had to be cleared away before they could effect an entrance. In the meantime the firemen were obliged to go round into Tong Loi Lane, and thus through the back of the house, By that time the fire had made considerable headway, and all the efforts of the Brigade were directed towards preventing the fire from spreading to the adjoining buildings, which were in imminent danger of being ignited, owing to he strong wind blowing at the time, Eventually, however, the fire was got under, without any damage to the neighbouring property, but No. 10 itself was gutted. As usual in these fires at this season the cause of the utbreak is shrouded in mystery. The place

and the Tung On Insurance Companies. A second alarm of fire was turned in about to o'clock this morning, this time the report coming from Caine Road. The Brigade turned nut, but had little to do. The fire, it appears, was caused by an over-heated flue in the bathroom, but after pulling down the ceiling the flames were soon extinguished, the damage done being estimated at barely \$100. The house is occupied by Mr. W. Robinson.

ENORMOUS LOSSES.

ALLEGATION OF FRAUD.

A tale of what many prove a most gigantic itself is unquestionably a difficultione, even in | fraud has just been brought to light, and from the particulars to hand there is a fear that as a result several prominent Chinese business houses in the Colony may be compelled to close. It appears that a certain Chinese merchant leased from Madame Musso her godowns at West the many brilliant points with unfailing readi. Point, called the liop Yik Godowns, and it was agreed between the parties that Madame unquestioned his rionic abilities, a personality Musso should keep a set of books of the lessee's of great charm, and under all or any circum. business, in order to secure better rates of stances a powerful acquisition to the ranks of insurance. This was the sole extent of the any Company, Captain Smith, P.A. appeared Musso connection with the business. Some us the spendthrift man about town, Charley little time, ago, the man, as it is alleged, Shadkleton, whose mendacious letters and finding himself in financial difficulties, bwing explanations to his guardian lead to all the to some of his speculations having gone trouble. He was quite happy in the part, and at learning, conceived an ingenious scheme to

rants," purporting to show the quantity and description of the goods supposed to be stored in the various godowns under his control, and these warrants, being negotiable instruments with the Chinese, it is alleged that he set about securing all the advances he could obtain on them. He had a partner in the business, and this man too, it is said, negotiated some of these warrants. In the meantime, a number of the holders of these warrants began to apply for the goods supposed to be in the godown to their account but were put off con various pretexts, until the man could stand out no longer, and finally made a bolt, his partner disappearing at the same time. From one firm so large a sum of money had been bortowed that when it was discovered that the warrants were bogus, that firm failed, according to report, for \$700,000 or \$800,000 against which there is a small quantity of goods in the godown, consisting of tin, sugar and rice. The head of that firm is also alloged to have left the Colony, on discovering the state of affairs. But a vory few, days ago, it is stated the first debtor went to another firm with which he had had straightforward dealings previously, and on the strength of his supposed credit induced them to "lend" him a quantity of tin stored in their godowns, but not their property, under promise of return in a few days' time. Before the time had expired the crash had come, and the borrower, it is said, had done the vanishing act. It is understood that the Wing On Bank is heavily involved over this affair, besides several banks of lesser business standing. The Young On Insurance Co. is also said to be a heavy loser, while but a few days ago the alleged absconder obtained from Mi Cheng Chow an advance in hard cash of \$15,000. Other native firms, we learn on excellent authority, which stand to lose heavily, are the Fok Kee, \$40,000; Fok Su Ting, \$20,000; Wong Choi, \$20,000; Fok On, \$30,000; Chi Cheong, \$40,000; Ming Sun, \$60,000; the International Banking Corporation, \$10,000, and several others. While the Mussos have no connection whatever with the defaulter's business beyond the keeping of the set of books in English, as stated above, they are doing all they can to bring-order out of chaos, and trace the real ownership of the goods! still lying in the Godowns. Further developments are expected as the matter unwinds itself. Police detectives are now watching the pre-

are known amongst traders as "godown war-

PASSENGERS' LAUNCH HELD UP BY PIRATES.

This morning the master of the passengers' launch Hol Kong which plies between Sha Mi and Hongkang, reported to the police that on Saturday, while on his usual trip, and when between Ping On and Tai Chan, some of the passengers suddenly seized revolvers, and with these terrorizing the crew and passengers relieved them of all their valuables, clothing and other property getting clear away with loot to the estimated value of \$10,000. It appears that these men got on board as ordinary passengers taking with them a big jar, which, they said, contained merchandise. This was covered and the contents could not be seen. 'A's soon as the launch got into the open, after leaving Ping in, these pirates opened their jar of "merchandize," and, producing revolvers therefrom, went through the whole boat, annexing all that was worth their taking, even to the arms carried by the crew for their own protection. They then got into a boat which came alongside, and got clear away. leaving nothing behind as any clue but the empty jar. There were in all twenty men in this band. No lives were lost

LAND SALE.

in the melee, and no one was seriously hart,

This afternoon at the offices of the Public Works Department one lot of Crown land was let by public auction for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal for a further term of 75 years, at.a. Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor to H. M. the King. The lot is registered as Inland Lot No. 1729, and is situated next to Garden Lot No. 1, near Robinson Road. Its area is -14,100 "square feet, and it garries he annual crown rent of \$80. The upset price was \$1,128. It was sold for \$1,158. or \$40 above upset price to Mr. Anthony Babington. There was no competition,

THE VOLUNTEER BALL.

The ball promoted by the officers, non-com-

missioned officers and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, took place at the City Hall, lastnicht and turned out to'be a very enjoyable and successful affair. There was an extremely large number of dancers present and both the St. Andrew's and St. George's Halls had to be .--requisitioned to accommodate them. The decorations were particularly neat and ffective, especially in the entrance hall and at the head of the staircase where behind an improvised emplacement a machine gun stared the arriving guests in the face, while on either side similar lethal weapons were mounted. The various rooms and corridors, were all liberally and tastefully decorated with foliage and flags, bunting and patriotic devices, and the whole presented a gay and happy picture of life and colour. H.E. the Governor, (Sir Matthew Nathan, R.E., K.C.M.C., with Commodore Dicken, and many distinguished Naval and Military officers were present, His Excellency, since his arrival here, having always evinced the keenest interest in volume. teering and our citizen soldiers. Dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock; and --to the strains of the admirable band of the Royal West Kent Regiment, was kept up was insured for \$10,000 with the Trans-Atlantic, with spirit and animation till well into the ear, ly hours this morning. During the evening a apital supper was served in the old Chamber of Commerce room, and the dress circle of the Theatre Royal, while refreshments of a lighter character were freely dispensed in what was facetiously described as the fary canteen" below. The library made a comfortible card-room. The general arrangements left nothing to be desired, and the comfort of the guests was well looked after by the follow, ing stewards and Committee members ; Major Pritchard, Major A. Chapman, Captain W. Armstrong, Captain Macdonald, Lieuts Craik, Oliver and M. S. Northcote, Sergeants Major fligby and J. D. Logan, Sergeants Andrews C. E. A. Haute, Corporal McKirdy and Sapper

> A STRIKING step in the direction of stimulating tesearch in connection with tropical diseases has been decided upon at the Colonial Office by the formation of a Tropical Disease Research Fund. Contributions to the fund have been promised from the Governments of the tropical colonies and India, and the African Protector. ates will also be represented by grants from the Imperial Government on their behalf. The fund will be administered by an advisory board. on which the Royal Society and other scientific bodies will be represented, and over which the Colonial Secretary will preside. It is hoped that the scheme will be sufficiently advanced to make a beginning in its work with the New

BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

THE GOVERNOR ON FEMALE EDUCATION.

The fourteenth annual presentation of prizes in connection with the above school took place. at noon, to-day, H.E. the Governor (Sir Matthew Nathan, R.E., K.C.M.G.), kindly distributing the prizes to the successful scholars. He was accompanied by Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, his Private Secretary, and Mr. E. A. Irving, Inspector of Schools, there being a very large attendance of parents, old scholars and friends of the pupils. The proceedings were prefaced by a short programme, in which the girls took part, of drilling and club swinging, recitations, dumb-bell drill by the junior girls (which was really very good), and singing. All the items were cleverly presented, and reflect the highest credit on Mrs. Bateman, the Head Mistress, and her able staff of assistants. The programme being concluded,

THE REPORT.

The Inspector of Schools read the following report addressed to the Hon. Mr. F. H. May:-Sir,-I have the honour to forward you the 14th annual report of the Belilios Public School for Girls.

Attendances.—These show a decided improvement on the last few years, partly due, no doubt, to the absence of the plague epidemic which has so seriously affected our numbers in former years. The average daily attendance (excluding the Chinese girls-learning Chinese only) for this year is 113.635 as compared with 1903 93-5; 1902 89-5. In the purely Chinese division the number on the roll totals 290. The attendance has, on the whole, been very regular, some pupils living as far away as Kowloon and Wanchai having made the full number, 266, while several have only been absent one or two days throughout the year.

- Changes in the school.—At the beginning of the year a new arrangement of the Infant Department was made. Up till that time, all beginners, no matter what their age or nationality, were admitted to the Infant Department. By the fants were formed into a class with Miss Winnie Bateman as their teacher. All the non-English speaking pupils in the Department were placed under the care of Miss Bateman with Miss Vansione to assist her. The Indian boys were drafted off to form the nucleus of a school, for Indians, and Mrs. Hatwell, was appointed to take charge of them. They occupy, at present, one of the class rooms on the top floor.

The number of Chinese girls learning English has increased under the present arrangement from 32 to 69. The number entered in the year being 68. (During the year some have left for various reasons, the number now in attendance being 60).

The number of English infants under Miss Winnie l'ateman has also increased. When the class was formed it numbered 16, and the pupils all speaking the same language, whether that language be Chinese or English.

The two highest classes in the Chinese division come up for lessons in English with Miss Bateman's pupils, for 2 hours every morning. For this no fees are charged as it is soon overcome this and, to judge by their faces, seem to enjoy their English lessons.

The first class, representing St ndard VII are young for such advanced work, their ages averaging 14 years only. But by diligence and co-operation with my efforts they have overcome many difficulties and it has been a great pleasure to work with them. They have all worked very well and those who have obtained prizes have done so by gaining only a few marks more than their less successful class-

mates. the year. Mrs. Tutcher has been away on March. I shall be very much pleased to have her with us again. Miss Vanstone sent in her resignation in April, having learned typewriting we were able to secure the services of Miss Lily Heang, who has proved a kind and capable teacher. Mrs. Hatwell resigned her position as teacher of the Indian boys in November owing to the corps to which her husband belonged appointed as her successor and is now in charge of the class.

School Grant.—An increase was made in the school grant and we were able to send home an order for several school appliances that were badly needed. Our school-rooms be able to understand and talk about the with the new pictures and maps on walls, look much brighter, and the lessons with the pictures to illustrate them are much more attractive in the eyes of the juniors. There is still a want unsupplied and that is suitable readers for those learning to speak English. The ordinary readers are either altogether too childish in their ideas or else too advanced in language. It is surprising the long and difficult words that are used in English Children's duct, and of the improvement in manners story books.

sent a special prize to the best conducted girl Examination.—Our school was examined before the Xmas holidays and the Inspector took away the exercise books of the Chinese learning English to judge of the pupils' progress by them. Some of the classes had a short oral examination and some did papers set by Mr. Irving. We have not had the Report yet and so cannot quite tell whether to feel jubilant and Staff, thanked His Excellency very football and cricket being almost the only or sad.

In October of last year we had the honour of receiving our new Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, at our school. He expressed satisfaction with what he saw. We were only sorry he had so little time to spare us, but before coming to us he had been at Queen's College and that being so large a school had taken up most of

can show him more of what we do.

PRIZE LIST. H. E. the Governor distributed the prizes as

follows :--ENGLISH DIVISION.

Class I.-Elia Hyndman, Ester Noma, M Peterson. Class 11.-Wan Ying Ching, Olive Lee Chooly, May Kiu. Class III.-Mabel Long, Mary Lindbloom, Agnes Lee. Class IV,-Nellie Ray, Kitty Hung, Daisy Crolius. Class V .- Mabel Mooney, May Lesbirel, Ethel Mooney.

CHINESE LEARNING ENGLISH

Class III .- Li King Ngo, Tsui Mei Ngo, Lo Lai Wa. Glass II.—Chan Wei Cheung, Rodney Les Chooey, Charlotte Gittins. Class II (b.) .-Li King Yung, Cissie Johansson, Hung Kai Chi, Yung Kam Kau.

Chinese girls studying English (2 hours only, daily). I. Kwan Un Yau, 2 Lai Yuk. Needlework,-r. Martha Peterson. 2. lvy g. Lee Ut Ying. 6. Li King Yung. Drilling. - Seniors .- Ida Noma Juniors .-

Kitty Hung. Map Drawing .- Annie Leabirel.

Ching. Tsui Mei Ngo, Merriam Alarakia. The proceedings opened with a chorus. Zahara Alarakia, O. Lee Choosy, Mollie Mooney, M. Lindbloom, A. Olson, Li King Ngo, Chan Wei Cheung, Lo Yiln, Ester Noma, May Kiu, R. Lee Chooey, Lo Kwan Ying, Ida Noma, A. Wing, C. Lee, A. Lesbirel, Lo Lai Wa, E. Mow Fung, L. Rose, M. Long, D. Crolicus. Scholarships.-1. Ida Noma, 2. Edith Mov Fung, 3. Daisy Crolious, 4. Lily Fok, 5. Hung Kau Mui.

CHINESE DIVISION.

Embroidery.-Class VII.-Lei Mei Yuk. Class VI.-Kwan Un Yau, Class V.-Hung Tsiu Lan. Class IV.—Tsan Yau Ho. Class III Mak Wo, Class II.—Yau Kwai, Class I.—So King, Li Ut Ying, Fung Chan.

Chinese Literature,-Class VII.-Hung Tai Lei Mei Yuk. Lei Shan Kan. Class VI.-Kwan Un Yau, Wong Sai Mui, Chau Chi Class V .- Ng Lin Yau, Ch'an Pik Mei. Class IV .- Loung Yuk, Loung Ping Ying, Chan Pik Class III .- Kong Tsoi, Ko Tsui Lan Yip Kat Tseung. Class II.-He Tsui Ngo, Fung Kei Kwan, Yau Kam. Class I.-Le

Tsui Ping, Loung Kan, So King. THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH. H.E. the Governor said :- Ladies and Genclemen: It was only after some hesitation that I acceded to the suggestion of the Inspector of schools that I should include this school among those at, which I was to present prizes his year, as the subject of girl's education is not one with regard to which I have very definite ideas, and such ideas as I have are, fear, somewhat heterodox. The functions of men and women in life are very different, and must I believe always remain so. The most ardent supporter of women's rights will hardly claim that they can become soldiers, or policemen; blacksmiths or carpenters. As no one can well direct work he is physically incapable of himself performing, it follows that women are by nature precluded from those professions labour, such as the administration of govern- kindly presented valuable prizes to these two. ment, the practice of navigation, war, law, two elements in the mind of every man new arrangement all the English-speaking in. and every woman. The first is the male marks throughout the year checked by the l element, which is called variously judgment. reasoning power, or colloquially, sound common sense. The second is the female element which is by different people termed intuition, imagination, and sometimes genius. In the man the first of these elements predominates, and in the woman the second. But without some imagination, a man, though he may be effectual, cannot be great. In the woman there often lacks that cluseness of reasoning power, necessary to give practical effect to their genius, and it is thus only through her influence on others that she can become the creator of great works. Roughly speaking, man makes, life possible: woman makes it beautiful, or as a poet has prettily put it: "Men are God's trees: Women God's flowers." Culture is necessary for the proper development of both, number on the roll in December was 32. It is but has to be differently directed. In the use "certainly easier as well as pleasanter to teach | of the trees, we want the wood and the shade. -that is the strength and the protective power. In the use of the flowers it is the fragrance, the colour, and the form,-that is sweetness, sympathy and contleness of manners that we look for. While therefore the education of boys must be largely more or less compulsory. The kirls are shy utilitatian, the training of girls should be and awkward when they first come, but they directed towards making them intell gent and appreciative. The power of conversing in their own and other languages, and the understanding of art, music and literature, with its attendant studies of history and geography, are the proper subjects for them to be taught, with only so much arithmetic as will help them in their marketing and household accounts, and such practical science as will enable them to apply the principles of hygiene to their homes, and may help them in that great and comparatively new branch of woman's work,-the nursing of the sick. I see no need for the Staff.—The staff has changed a little during | instruction, which I found being given in leave since March. We expect her back next in Stocks and Shares. Such instruction be postponed. can lead them to no ideals and hardly even to that object of questionable desirability -the acquisition of wealth. I see little advantand preferring it to teaching. She left shortly age to be gained from the study of algebra, before her month was finished or another and other branches of mathematics, subjects teacher appointed in her place. Fortunately not likely to yield either profit or pleasure to a | though our boys are younger and smaller than girl in after life. In science again, more than in other subjects, the little knowledge likely to be gained in a girls' school may prove a dangerous thing. Ladies and Gentlemen: What I have said has been addressed to you. It was being sent home. Mrs. Whitehead was possibly, as it was intended to be, above the the prize was carried off by the boat of which heads of the boys and girls here. Children: I am satisfied with the report that has been made on your work during the past term. want you to go on working hard, so that when you have finished your school course you will

> that that prize should be presented to Miss Ida Miss Noma then came forward and received

beautiful things that are described in buoks,

and are to be seen and heard in every corner

of the earth, so that you may be able to

help your parents in the house, and that the

girls when they marry may be companions to

their husbands and that the Chinese girls may

be of assistance to their mothers-in-law. The

statement in the report that has pleased me

among the Chinese girls. I wish now to pre-

of the senior class; and Mrs. Bateman has said

most is the favourable mention of your con-

the prize from His Excellency. Mr. Irving, on behalf of the Head Mistress sincerely for his kindness in coming there to ailments, distribute the prizes. They did not forget that this was not the first by many occasions on which he had distributed prizes in their schools, of the Institution. and he thought if His Excellency would allow him to say so, the results were likely to be most satisfactory. Their scholars were stimulated by receiving prizes at the hands of the representative of His Majesty the King, and ing effect. With regard to the views His Excellency had expressed in regard to female education, he hoped they would do their best to embody them in a practical form,

This concluded the business, the children after singing the National Anthem, giving three cheers as the Governor left the building.

> THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

THE GOVERNOR ON THE STUDY OF HISTORY.

The annual distribution of prizes, in connection with the above School, took place at noon. to-day, H. E. the Governor (Sir Matthew Mui. Class I.-Luk Ngan, A Lin, Yung Nai Nathan, R.E., K.C.M.O.) giving away the prizes to the successful students. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Hongkong presided, and was supported by, in addition to His Excellency, Reva J. T. Johnson, T. W. Pearce, W. Bridie, J. H. Lee Choosy. 3. Annie Olso. 4. Mabel Mooney, France, W. J. Southam, J. Wells, Gottschalk, J. Guttman, Hon, Dr. Atkinson, Messrs. R. A. B. Ponsonby, G. Piercy (the Headmaster), E. A. Hewett, H. Sykes, R. Matthaey, J. Vanstone, W. D. Braidwood, H. Baker and Others, the com-

Good Attendance, -- Mary Peterson, Wan Ying | pany, including a very large number of ladies.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

Mr. G. Piercy read the following report:-The past twelve months: have been marked y several important changes. As more boys apply than we can possibly received we have selected young applicants rather than the older ones of 18 to 23 years so that the average age of the school is lower than formerly and the several members of a class are more nearly of an ago.

The new Code which came into force on 1st

lanuary allows greater latitude in arrangement of subjects and classification of pupils. On reassembling after the Chinese New Year holiday, each of the four lower classes was divided into two sections, namely, A for non-Chinese, B for Chinese. The former have more time for Arithemtic and other subjects which small European and Eurasian boys find difficult, and the latter spend more time in Reading and explanation by a Chinese teacher. H. M. Inspector no longer holds an annual examination of every boy in every subject, but bases his opinion of the school on surprise visits of inspection of the ordinary work and such examination as he judges necessary. On 28th May he wrote "Generally speaking the work done was very satisfactory". On 28th September he examined the four lower standards in reading, geography and arithmetic and on 19th December the three highest standards and wrote that pending a full report he might say that the school did very well.

Twenty-one boys entered for the Oxford Local Examination: 16 passed, namely, 'a senior, 4 junior, 10 preliminary. For the first time we had a senior candiate in honours, Edward Law having that proud position and being also specially distinguished in history. which is the only Distinction won by Honghonours in preliminary. Mr. H. Hastings, a | (do.) Scripture, Chiu Yau-tsz ; III.A ( ) Scrip-

It is my practice to hold weekly examinthe physical difference between men and higher forms this is done on paper. The half | Kang-wa. women goes a mental difference. There are year's work was tested before the summer vacation. The prizes are awarded on the annual examination (for promotion) which was held from 4th to 16th January when the year's work was passed under review and was found on the whole to be very satisfactory, particularly the geography and history papers; the English composition has also greatly improved: the Euclid was somewhat weak, Considerable changes have also been made in the teaching of Chinese and in translation, The total Enrolment of scholars was 256, and the average daily attendance was 188 (last year

> On March 22ad the teaching staff was increased by the addition of Mrs. Noble who has had experience both in London and Pombay and has proved a valuable acquisition.

On September 9th Mr. P. L. Brown arrived from England. He is a trained and certificated teacher and has taken the place of Mi C. R. S. Cooper who left for the Shanghai Public School after two years' residence in Hongkong. We were very sorry to lose the services of Mr. H. Jackson, whose knowledge of English and Chinese was invaluable. He had taught the lower classes with great care and success for nearly three years and left the Colony in October to return to his native place in New Zealand, Mr. Ma Shiu-tau took Vr. Jackson's place. The rest of the staff, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Brawn, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Grimes have continued to give every satisfaction.

Great attention has, as in former years, been given to physical training; the popular bathing expeditions were kept up twice a week whenever the weather permitted during the summer and were closed with races and aquatic sports at Fu Tau-chau. Cur new drill instructor from the West Kent Regiment has not been able to attend as regula ly as his predecessor, his time being more required for army duties, one of the Girls' 'chools of the Colony, so that our intended exhibition of drill has to

In cricket, under the fostering care of Mr. Brawn, our first and second teams have so far been invariably successful in their matches with other schools in the Colony. have joined the new Football League and those of most other schools we intend to do our best towards winning the Challenge Shield. Tennis and Fives are also played. At the Victoria Regatta, as no other school entered for the Boys' Race, we sent in two crews and

l T. Jex was cox. We have had several pleasant interruptions to the monotony of routine. On Sept. 26th we were honoured by a visit from H.E. the Governor, who kindly devoted much of his valuable Era to nearly five centuries after it. Th time to a thorough inspection of the boys and premises and was vociferously cheered when a holiday was announced. Through the kindness of Mr. Taylor and Mr. H. C. Austen two period of nearly equal length Rome as a revery enjoyable evenings were spent with the gramophone. The Rev. T. Wright gave an interesting lecture on his journey round the world, illustrated with lantern slides. girls and boys of the two Diocesan Schools had an enjoyable Christmas picnic in the before this empire began to break up and for launch Dragon (kindly lent by E. A. Hewett, Esq ) to Little Hongkong; an amusing programme of sports was carried out and after tea prizes and gifts were presented to all, Mr. J Sullivan, of Amoy, kindly contributing to the

expenses. The health of all has been remarkably good, there being an almost entire absence of malarial fever, wounds and bruises incidental to

The Committee are considering a scheme for the further development and improvement

The charitable side of the work is not neglected and in fact is increasing. In addition to 4 orphans supported by the Freemasons, I there are 8 boarders entirely dependent on the school for board, clothing and education, as Platonists and a host of others flourished that parents and guardians do not recognise Perhaps we may have the pleasure of another any words of advice or encouragement coming | well as others on reduced fees. Two English | under the enlightened patronage of the Med. that it is a penny-wise-and-pound-foolish policy and more lengthy visit another day, when we from such a source, were likely to have a last boys born in Australia have been rescued, one ici. As the Renaissance was the movement to curtail the boy's education just when it is sent us by H.M. Consul at Amoy, from actual of the 15th century so was the Reformation | ripening in order to earn so much the earlier a slavery, in the interior and the other sent us by the Ladies' Benevolent Society, evidently a was marked by the growth of modern scientific

case of kidnapping for slavery. Our best thanks are again due to the following friends who have kindly contributed prizes -Mrs. Siebs, Hon. Wei Yuk, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Messrs. L. Arnold, F. B. L. Bowley, T. Edwards, Fung Wa Chun, H. Hastings, E. A. Hewett, Ho Fook, Ho Tung, J. Olson, A Rumjahn, Sin Tak-fan.

The report of the SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION

held this month, by Rev. P. Jenkins, is as

follows :-Taking into consideration that most of the fofthe ninet enth century. I will now leave boys are taught and examined in what to them I the general history of Europe in order to give is a foreign language, the result of the Scrip- you an example from English history of the ture Examination is very satisfactory.

The four boys in Standard VII. did excel- | year 1215 is familiar to you all as the date of lent papers, and gave evidence of understand. the signing of Magna Charta in the reign of ing and appreciating what had been taught John. This King was nicknamed Lackland

cent, the first boy obtaining 84 per cent, while the first eight were most satisfactory. twenty-six boys only six obtained over 40 per

cent... The majority of the boys in Standard III. evidently did not understand the questions, don the attempt to become a continental powand their answers were in most cases anything but to the point; however, this under the

circumstances is far from surprising. On the whole a very good knowledge of the text of Holy Scripture was displayed, and very many of the boys seem to be well grounded in the Church catechism.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION, 1904. Seniors :- Edward Law, in honours with distinction in history, U Wai-Tak; Juniors :--Fung Hing yuk, W. Hagen, T. Loft, Ng Wai; Preliminary:-- J. Crolius in honours, F. Brandt, H. G. Brandt, Chan Lam Fal, R. Drude, T. jex, C. G. Mackenzie, Pun Ping Loung, F. F. Siemsen and W. Thom.

CLASS PRIZES. VII Standard, (1) Fung Hing-yuk; VI Standard, (t) H. G. Brandt, (2) J. Crolius; V. Standard, (1) G. Wong, (2) R. J. Hastings; IV. A Standard, (1) L. Clement, (2) I. Chin, Tienshin; IV. B Standard, (1) Chung Tso-ting, (2) Fung Hon-pak; III. A Standard, (1) G. Litton, (2) A. Kay: III. B Standard, (1) Young -cheung, (2) Yan Fat-ku: Il. A Standard, (1) N. D. Rumjahn, (2) C. K. May: II. B Stan- that what I have said may have impressed the dard, (r) Ip Hing-tung, (2) Tang Hing-yee; I. | idea on some here that a scaffolding of dates A (1) T. Rowland, (2) G. F. Lammert; I. B and facts acquired in a school course of history, Standard, (1) Tam Iu-chung, (2) Tam Tsz-yau, helps the subsequent building up of the world's SPECIAL PRIZES.

VII Standard, Oxford Prize, E. Law : Shakespeare, do. T. Loft; Scripture, do. J. Glaiserman; VI (do.) Oxford, do. J. Crolius; Mathematics and Scripture H. G. Brandt; V (do.) Mathematics, G. Wong; Scripture, Wan Hokong candidates. John Crolius was placed in lok; IV.A. (at.) Scripture, L. Clement; IVB ultimately based on physical force or hard former pupil now resident in Formosa, has ture, A. Watson; III.B Scripture, Yah Fut-Ku; 11.A (do.) Scripture, H. Parker and W. Lynborg ; II.B (do.) Scripture, Chiu Yan-tak; I.A (do.) engineering, etc. Then I believe that with ations of classes throughout the year, in the | Scripture, C. L. Shaw; I.B (do.) Scripture, Li

Chinese Studies: (1) Lam Sing-fung, Cheung Kwok-mau, (3) Chan Cheuk-nam. Chinese Translation: Chan Wing-to. Type-writing: R. S. Simmons. Music: W. Thom. Conduct : W. Drude.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH. H.E. the Governor said :- My Lord Bishop, Ladies and Gentlemen: The report of the Head Master which has been read to us is satisfactory. Here as at Queen's College there are more boys desirous of entering the school than can be received, showing an increased appreciation of the education offered at the principal boys' schools in the Colony. The division of the lower classes into Chinese and non-Chinese sections has effected an improvement which the report for 1903 showed was necessary. The school did well on the visits of the Inspector of Schools and at the Oxford Local Examinations and I would add that I had direct evidence at my own inspection on September 26th that the teaching of the boys was thorough and the tone of the school good. I congratulate Mr. Piercy and his very capable staff on these results. The weak point of the School according to the report of the Inspector of Schools is his tory. In spite of the distinction gained by Fdward Law, the inspector calls attention to the fact that while the boys who presented themselves for the Oxford Local Examinations passed in geography, they were successful i less than half of their papers in history. seems to me possible that the lack of interest aroused in schools by the study of history may out the year. be due to the duliness of its groundwork consisting, as it generally does, largely of names and dates committed to memory. I have often thought whether this could not be avoided and some more attractive method of teaching introduced; but I have been forced to the conclusion that names and dates are more easily and more permanently learnt in our school days than afterwards, and are the only satisfactory scaffolding from which a sound structure of historical knowledge can be afterwards erected. It is true that unless one is endowed with the memory of a Macaulay one cannot carry a collection of dates through life, but if one starts with such a collection one has incidents and periods between or round which to group the great movements of the world's development. I will give you one or two

examples of this grouping. At the present moment I am ashamed to say I do no recall the exact date of the founding of Rome or of the fall of Constantinople, but know that Roman history limited in either direction by those events, extended from about seven and a half centuries before the Christian first two and a half centuries were those of the growth of Rome under the more or less mythological kings. During the next public extended over Italy. In the third period of some 250 years which brings us to the Christian Era she became an empire covering the West and South of Europe the North of Africa and the East of Asia. It was close on 300 years another 1000 years its traditions and forms lingered on in the Eastern Empire with its capital tion of printing and the early maritime discoveries produced the first great movement of Europe was at a date which always clings to my memory death of Lorenzo the Magnificent and also in that of the 16th. The close of the 17th century and philosophic ideas and the desire for freedom which acted against the oppression of the ruling classes produced the great upheaval of the French Revolution in the last decades of the 18th century. The absolutism of Napowas the natural reaction from the success of

the Revolution, and the quiet period that followed the downfall of Napoleon was again a reaction from the stirring times of the war which lasted during the domination of Europe. This quiet time gave birth to the industrial use of dates as historical scaffolding. The because he lost his French territories. The

200 years after the signing of Magna Charta. marked the highest point ever reached in the Standard IV. was not quite so good. Out of assertion of those claims. The ill-success of the King who followed Henry V, and the subsequent internal troubles in England at the time of the Wars of the Roses, led her to abaner. Some two hundred years after Agincourt she had started her first colonial efforts, and laid the foundation of her commerce, and it was her colonies and her commerce that led her again to take part in wars on the continent, and to the battle of Waterloo in 1815, exactly 400 years after Agincourt, and 600 years after the signing of Magna Charta, With these examples of historical scaffolding from the general history of Europe and the history of England, I must, I fear stop. I should have liked to have given another with reference to the East, and to have run over briefly the salient features in the histories of the five ancient monarchies of Egypt, Chalden, Assyria, Babylonia and Persia, of my own people-the Jews, of classical India, of Sanscrit times and of the vast Empire of China, which differs from the other Eastern countries I have named in having remained under practically the same form of government from the earliest dawn of history to the present day. But my speech has degenerated to a lecture which has made an undue I claim on your time and attention. I only hope stories, and that these stories are of intense interest. I will now conclude by evincing my own interest in the subject and stimulating that of the boys of this school in another way, viz. by presenting an extra prize to the boy who has shown himself the most promising student of history, and I have much pleasure in presenting this parcel of books to Mr. Edward

> Bishop Hoare said he wanted to say a few words, and first of all, he would say he was sure he was voicing the feelings of all present when he thanked His Excellency most heartily for coming there to distribute the prizes. He was sure it was of very great value to all their educational work in the Colony to have the Head of the Government showing a real practical interest in the education of the youth of the Colony, and come around their schools and give them real good advice, as to how a great deal of the educational work should be carried on. And he thought they were to be congratulated in having a Governor who could really be a help to them their educational work. His Excellency had been speaking on the study of history. Now he had had a great deal of experience in teaching of all kinds, and he had never yet found a royal road to teaching history, for he considered it the most difficult of all subjects to teach. It was a most interesting subject to read, but it was a most difficult subject to teach and a most difficult subject for boys to learn, and to his mind the difficulty lay in the fact that the teacher did not know where to begin and where to end, the subject was so vast. He had to announce that the holidays began that day, and the school reand he hoped the two schools would meet in friendly matches at cricket, tennis, etc., through-

Law, who has earned distinction at the Oxford

will find them of great value. (Applause).

Local Examination in the study, and I hope he

Three cheers were then lustily given for the Governor, the Ladies of Hongkong, and the Headmaster and Mrs. Piercy, after which the proceedings terminated.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

THE GOVERNOR ON MATHEMATICS

The large hall of Queen's College was Dr. Thompson, Rev. C. H. Hickling, Mr. J. J.

Leiria, Mr. and Mrs. Mooney.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT. Dr. G. H. Bateson Wright, D. D. (Oxon), Bead Master, read the following report, which was addressed to the Hon, Mr. F. F. May, at Constantinople. The fall of that city which | Colonial Secretary :-- I have the honour to subsent classical learning wandering westward oc- mit the annual report on Queen's College for curring as it did about the same time as the inven- the year 1904. The total number on the roll was 1,501, the average daily attendance being 1,000: both figures are in excess of those reachthe Rennaissance. The height of that movement | ed in 1903 and form a record. Our attendances, which in England would be the object of con--the year 1492. In that year a new world gratulation and envy, were seriously affected was discovered across the Atlantic. The Mus- by the phenomenal number of cases of britsulman who had so recently gained a footing beri. The slight diminution in fees, \$313, is in the East was finally expelled from western | due to the unprecedented exodus, in the first Europe by the conquest of Grenada and the half of the year, of 166 boys from the upper school, which in March consisted of 407 boys. the downfall of Florence the city par excel- The vacant accommodation was as far as poslence of art and learning where the Tuscan sible utilised for the preparatory school where painters, Michel Angelo, Galileo, Pico, and the I the fees are lower. It is much to be regretted few dollars a month. Parents have often subsequently deplored the fatal mistake they have thus made.

The total number of applicants for seats in 1904 was 682, of which 160 (or 23 per cent) failed to satisfy the simple entrance test in Chinese, and 69 more were refused for want of room. leon at the commencement of the 19th century | Thus 453 boys were admitted. On the other hand, 495 boys left in the course of the year, So long ago as in my annual report, January 1896, I pointed out that, while this annual change of one-third of the total number of scholars is prejudicial to the best interests of education, it has always obtained in the history

movement which characterised the latter half of this college, i.e. for over forty years. In the Estimates, \$66,689 were voted for Queen's College, of this sum only \$60,411 were expended, including Crown Agents' Account. The total amount of fees was \$29,048, and minor sums were paid to the credit of the provement on the conditions ten years ago, when Government, leaving \$31,337 as the Govern- an audible hush from the master heralded the ment share of expenditure on Queen's College approach of the headmaster, Six masters, infor the year 1904 chargeable to the public, It cluding my Chinese teacher, sat in conclave to Of the eighteen boys in Standard VI., the result of this loss was that the Plantagenets, is to be noted that though in the Estimates mark all the papers and agree upon failures. first six on the list did very well indeed, while from Norman Dukes, holding England by right there was an increase for expenditure of \$8,148 | and order of merit, 738 boys were examined, more than half obtained more than to percent, of conquest, became English, Kings who con- the actual increase of cost to the Government | one third being in the bottom class, and one Twelve of the twenty-eight scholars com- sidered that they had claims on the Norman was only \$5,184 for normal master, an ad- thirteenth in the top, 97 per cent of the boys prising Standard V. were awarded over 60 per Duchy. The battle of Agincourt in 1415, and ditional English master, five vernacular masters passed. A satisfactory feature was ill. Laud.

and higher rate of salaries for Chinese assist-.

Mr. A. J. May, the second master, returned to the Colony on the 28th September: Mr. Ralphs had been acting for him up to 20th February and Mr. Denly from the 1st March; having returned on the a5th February. "Mr. Ralphs went on twelve months' leave to Europe on 23rd March. Messes, de-Martin, B. A. (Dublin), and Garett, B.A., (Cantab.) arrived on 25th February and 24th September respectively: both gentlemen have realously and successfully taken up their work, which being chiefly of an elementary character with Chinese pupils is a novel experience. The former is a new appointment to the eleventh English mastership; put on 1904 Estimates for the first time : the latter fills the vacancy caused by the sad death of Mr. Seymour, who was at his duties from o to 12 Saturday, 14th May, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital at 3.30 the same day on a medical contificate declaring bim to he suffering from Bright's disease, and died Tuesday, 17th May, at 11.30 p.m. Mr. Seymour took great interest in the boys' sports, and his classes passed successfully with high percentages. Four Chinese assistants left in the past twelve months, Mr. Au Wing Ching, 9th O.A., on 3rd February going to the Sanitary Department, Mr. Wong Ming, 3rd C.A., on 29th February, as interpreter and translator to Messrs, Johnston, Stokes, and Master, solicitors, Mr. Luk Ki-kwong, 5th C.A., on 31st March as instructor at the Military College at Whampoa, and Mr. Wong Kai-leung, 4th C. A. on 31st December to join the interpretation branch of the Registrar-General's department, These unavoidable losses temporarily weaken the strength of the teaching staff. Mr. Wong Kai-leung, with his bright cheerful disposition and readiness to contribute to the college organ; The Yellow Dragon, will be specially missed.

Nearly all the recommendations made in para. 7 of my annual report dated asth January. 1902, have now been carried into effect. with very promising results. An additional English master has been appointed; an allowance for a normal master has been granted and a vernacular school has been restored.

The results of the Oxford local examinations in 1904 were, as regards Queen's College, inferior to those in 1903; only 18 good marks being obtained as against 40 The percentage of passes were; senior 50, juniors 50 and preliminary 78, the last being very satisfactory. It is worthy of record that several boys from this Colony (including this college) have recently found the possession of Oxford certificates of great value on proceeding to England and America ; the senior being accepted in lieu of the Entrance examination required by medical and legal societies, and the funior facilitating admission to various schools.

Under standing orders from the Governing Body I held the annual examination. Oral examination, 1,025 boys in reading and conversation, and 170 boys of class VII in grammar lasted 24 days from Monday, 28th November, to Saturday, 17th December. Paper-work occupied 18 days Dec. 23, 27-30, Jan. 4-7, 9-14 to-18. The results are as follows: Upper School ..... s30 boys examined 197 or 86% passed.

Total for the College toas ,

These figures compare very favourably with those of 1903, but, with the exception of class opened on the 1st March. He wished them all II. A, which is deserving of special mention. a pleasant holiday, and a very prosperous time | the general tone of work throughout the colwhen they came back at the beginning of next | lege was lower than in the previous year. The term. As at the prize distribution at St. Ste- total marks obtained by the head-boys of phen's College, he had promised prizes for the classes were lower, and marks 39-49 fair were encouragement of athletics amongst the boys, far too common. These facts, coupled with the he had great pleasure in promising the boys of | depression referred to above in Oxford local the Diocesan School similar encouragements, results, corroborate the estimate formed in the course of the year by my staff and myself that 1904, as compared with 1902-1903, was a year of lean kine.

Reading, dictation, composition, history and Shakespeare were the subjects in which boys most fully repaid the labours of their masters. Both the translations from and into Chinese, now confined to the upper school, were well done, there being considerable improvement in the attempt to render the unseen pieces given in both subjects to all three classes. Mathematics were very weak, algebra being the best subject, Euclid and mensuration the worst. Book-keeping in class II.A proved a fiasco, serious blunders vitiating 70 per cent. of the papers.

Conversation,-One of the instructions to crowded at noon, to-day, on the occasion of the H.M. Inspectors of Schools in England is annual prize distribution, H. E. the Governor to test the extent of which English boys (Sir Matthew Nathan, R.E., K.C.M.G.) being understand the subject matter, which they present and handing the prizes to the sucressful have read. I have always pursuedt his excelscholars. Amongst those present were the lent course, and find this year that boys in the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., and Mrs. May, lower and preparatory schools have a very Consul-General Romano, Hon. Dr. and Mrs. | slight acquaintance with the meaning of sent-Atkinson, Hon, Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Mrs. ences read by themselves but a few seconds Gershom Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, before. Conversation, though creditable, is on Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. James, Miss W. the whole considerably below the standard at-Bateman, Miss Holmes, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. tained in 1903, the weakness being specially Wallace, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Craig, Miss Shel- noticeable in classes II B, !II B. C. and IV B, bourne, Mr. and Mrs. Braidwood, Mr. and Miss | English matters being responsible for this sub-Seth, Rev. J. W. Southam, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, ject in the three first named classes, it is mani-Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. T. Piercy, fest that the source of the weakness must be Mr. Irving, Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby (Private | sought elsewhere than in the native teacher. Secretary to the Governor), Mr. J. Dyer Ball, The fact is that the cream of all the sections of cl s IV go into III. A. and similarly in other classes, the B sections get boys of lower mental

> I append a report by the normal master, Mr. Tanner, upon the pupil teachers under his charge. I agree with him that they have all worked well, and paid great attention. 1 cannot speak too highly of the manner in which Mr. Tanner has discharged his duties as normal master, he seems specially adapted to the work, and shows considerable tact in encouraging these young teachers. I must confess, however, that after my observation of the excellence of the course of instruction given in conversation, I was disappointed in the actual knowledge displayed at the examination. Even in the preparatory school I could not accept as conversation 'That is Queen's College, Sir, &c. No boy could indicate and name in succession the streets he would pass in going from Queen's College to the Clock Tower or the Civil Hospital. There was also an astounding ignorance of the locality of the Gaol. Again if would appear that pictures do not convey a clear idea to the Chinese mind; one boy called a green hill studded with trees a cloud, several pointed to a cars as an animal, .. casons and dates, human dress and relationships appear to have been entirely forgotten after a careful drilling of several months. Strange to say one of the best classes at conversation was the bottom class VIII C composed of boys who entered in September (not in March). The pupil teachers passed a very creditable examination in dictation, grammar, geography, composition, translations and in practical and theoretical teaching. Chan Sz-yui came out head of the

I heartily endorse the praise given in the report of the independent examiners to the five masters of the vernacular school for their efficient and successful teaching in subjects and on lines entirely new to them. I was particularly struck with the excellent discipline main. tained by them, which shows a marked im-

failing at midsummer rose twenty or even thirty places at the annual examination. It is to be hoped that, in a few years, boys will be more equally distributed among the five classes. and that few boys will fail to pass the simple entrance test examination.

Discipline in the college remains excellent. There is, however, a matter affecting what may be called external discipline to which I desire to draw the attention of the public. There is a | by plane geometry and Euclid, as the subject tendency on the part of some Chinese parents and guardians to treat Queen's College, as if it were a hotel. Boys are taken away and sent. on a tour of the other schools and readmission is claimed for them on the plea that they prefer our fare. Again, boys are sent to Canton or Macao and the head master is peremptorily ordered by letter to mark them on leave and readmit them on their return. Of the 65 boys | the merchant and the customs officer ascertain dismissed in 1904, nearly all were removed from the books for this gross disregard of well- a field, and the engineer the weight of any part known school regulations. It is needless to of his structure. The practical uses of algebra add that leave is willingly granted in all urgent cases of sickness or death of relatives, and for some of the many family functions peculiar to | cept for furnishing methods for multiplication China, but unknown in Europe.

Last May the register number of a boy on obvious than the uses of arithmetic and menadmission to this college was 10,000. Thus in suration, and the science is more open 42 years a myriad names have been enrolled at | the danger of its processes being carried | Queen's College, and of these, three quarters out without a full knowledge of their have been entered in the last 23 years. At the meaning. It is certainly not often that the last prize distribution held in the Central I problems of daily life can be solved School (now Queen's College) in January 1888. Sir William Des Vœux spoke to the following equations have their purposes to which I shall effect: 'The chief point I consider admirable | presently refer. Familiarity with progressions about this school is its missionary purpose and | -arithmetical, harmonical, and geometricalwork. The young men that complete their produces neatness of arrangement often of course of studies here are scattered over the practical utility. I have myself on various vast empire of China and cannot fail to dis- occasions had to remodel scales of salaries, seminate those Western-ideas that they have allowance rewards etc., to a logical system with acquired in this school and that appreciation | a first term and a common difference. Trigoof British government impressed upon them nometry 's in some degree a continuation of by their residence in this British colony. His | mensuration bringing in calculations based on have been realised by him. Say 9,000 boys spher.cal trigonometry. No man can become have left this college and one third are scat. a surveyor and engineer or navigator without a tered on the mainland; then we have a small knowledge of the solution of triangles, that is army of 3,000 unpaid missionaries spreading | the calculation of measurements from measured Western ideas.

the Report, heartily welcomed the Governor. logarithms. Though the theory of logarithms hadebeen during the past fifteen years to and by substitution processes of addition introduce the new Governor of the Colony and subtraction for the more lengthy ones of to the Masters and boys. Immediately upon multiplication and division enormously simparrival he proposed to pay a visit to lifes complicated calculations. This is one the College, but owing to the weather instance in which the work of advanced ma-But on the third of October he paid them a visit and made a thorough and comboth the English and vernacular classes at work. He might say that the impression then produced on Musters and boys alike, was of so come him on that occasion as a friend, and not have to bail him as a stranger. (Applause). His Excellency then distributed the prizes.

The Prize List for 1904-5 was as follows:-Oxford Locals 1904, (Senior):-Bunjee, C. A. A. Tse Yan-lung, A. A., (Junior)-Galluzzi, now to speak, except to say that the few of Mooney, R. J. Mok Kai-fuk, Cheung Wo Yau. Ho Shal Kit.

Stewart,-Hung Iu-chi. Belilios, Junior,han, IIIc. Blake,-Plang Kwok-sui.

Curreem, C. HA. Budder Deen, HB Cheung Ka-shing, IIIA. Lo Kam-cheung, IIIB. Chü Weng-chéung, IIIc. Sung Shiu-ki.

(Morrison), Pang Kwok-sui (Blake), Jang Jathung (Mathematics), Galluzzi U. (Sm. Belilios), Wong Hoi-man, IIB. Ip Chi, Kok Kwai-IIIC. Ng Cheung-hau, Au Kai-fan. IVA. Ng and a suggestion to the Head Master. Cheng Chi-on. So Pui-hang. Vc. Cheungying, Li Kaan-sam. V A. Ip U-pek. Cheung VIc. Ch'an Hing-chung. Wan Kam-meng. VIIA. Chin Lap, Lo-Hin-cheung, VIIB. Ch'an U-Chün, Li Pui-cheung. VIIc. Yeung Ming-VIIIc, Ch'an Leung-on, Chii Wai-ki. General Progress.-IB. Curreem C. 11A.

Yamasaki M. IIIA. Tsoi Wa-cheung, IIIB. Osman A. M. IVA. Abbas Y. IVB. Kwan In-Ismail A. VIIB Osman S. VIIC. Wagener R. VIID. Young Pun-sit, VIIIA. Ali Mahomet, VIIII. Tsui Yui-sun, VIIIc. Sin Lim. Vernacular.-Class Prizes,-IA. Cheung

Hing-fong. In. Ho Chak-nin. Ic. Wong Kaitsek. ID. Chan U-k'wai. IE. Au Yeung-hung. IIA. Yeung Shiu-po. IIB. Chiu lap. IIC. Ng Ko-p'eng. IIIA. Kwok Wing-chi. IIIB. Kwok Ut-shang. 111c. Cheng Yung. IVA. Chiu Chung-cho., IVB. Chiu Chek-fan. IVC. Lu Ting-in. V. Lo Chung-peng, Fung Hon-

The Governor said: Dr. Bateson Wright, Ladies and Gentlemen: I have to thank you, Dr. Bateson Wright, for your kind words of welcome. It has given me special pleasure to present the prizes to-day at this the principal school of the Colony, which has been established for over 40 years and has been for more than half of that period under your distinguished direction. The report which you have read to us is a business-like document. The record average daily attendance of 1,000 boys shows the great and growing importance of the institution. I noted with satisfaction your good report of your staff and the special words of praise that have been given to the five masters of the Vernacular School. Your remarks on the work done by the scholars in the different subjects of study are also interesting and lead me to hope that 1995 will be a year of promise. Ladies and gentlemen, you are probably by this time sufficiently familiar with my methods to anticipate that I shall pick out the weak subject of the school as the one to discuss on this occasion. In order not to disappoint you I will take the following paragraph from the Head Master's report : " Mathematics were very weak, a gebra being the best subject, Euclid and mensuration the worst. Book-keeping in class \_lia produced a filisco, serious blunders vitiating 70 per cent, of he papers." Instruction in mathematics in the College is confined to four elementary subjects. Arithmetic, including book-keeping, plane geometry, mensuration and algebra. At my request Mr. Wright has consented to add trigonometry as a subject of instruction to the higher classes. The practi-

able improvement of several boys, who after | cal uses of arithmetic are too obvious to require exposition. It is used in the home as well as in the office in every enumeration, measurement, financial calculation or manipulation of statistics. Arithmetical operations, are necessary for every other branch of mathematics not purely geometrical. Just as figures can be used to represent lines and areas so lines and areas can represent figures. The problems connected with lines and areas are those dealt with is often termed in our schools from the ancient Alexandtian who ingeniously, and logically put together a number of those problems. The combination of arithmetic and geometry is the science of mensuration an entirely practical science for obtaining in arithmetical terms areas of plane figures and contents, weights and values of solids. It is by mensuration that the contents of a cask, the surveyor the area of in which figures, lines, areas and contents are represented by alphabetical symbols, are, exof higher branches of mathematics, a little less by equations, simple or quadratic, though the sides and angles, which requires the power of Dr. Bateson Wright, having finished reading | being able to solve algebraic equations and to use l employment of mathematics by those who have by mathematicians without knowing it. schools and in twelve months' time they should Of these higher branches, as they are not get through a good deal of useful work. taught in this Gollege, it would be superfluous

R. F. Pang Kwok Sui, Sargon, E. A. Alonço, your boys who may be tempted by mathemati-D. A. Galluzzi, U. C., (Preliminary)-Wong | cal aptitude to go beyond your school courses, Wai Shu, Budder Deen, Tsoi Wa Cheung, will find the subject more and more fascinating | made in general history and in the history of with each advance in it. This fascination is Greece as a tentative step only. The result is, nearly a defect in the study, which developing as yet, doubtful but must not be misjudged as the Scholarships.-Morrison Senior,-Lam Shiu- as it does the reasoning power to the highest | boys who study history have not been through | in. Morrison, Junior,-Ng Shuk-kon, IVA. extent is held by some to be inimical to the the preliminary course which the Committee. cultivation of the imagination. This reminds attached importance to as the basis of the whole business man or a Government employed is only Galluzi, U. Belillos, Junior,-Ng Cheung- | me of a story which I am tempted to tell, scheme. though it will probably be more interesting to Special Prizes.-Machell Memorial,-Sargon, | the Masters and other gentlemen here present, E. Translation,-E-C. Ng Cheung-han, IIIc. | than to the ladies and the scholars. A Cam-C.E. Tang Tát-hung, IA. Mathematics (given | bridge undergraduate, who was an enthusiast by H. E. the Governor),-Tang Tat-hung. for interature, with much difficulty persuaded cleanse after the death of one or two boys and Schools that induture the scholarships granting History,-IA. Plang Kwok-sui. IB. Tetzel, C. a mathematical friend to read "Paradise Lost." Ila. Nazarin, R. IlB. Kwok Kwai-sheung. When the book was returned, he expected the months of June and July the school opened Illa. Fung Ch'eung: IllB. Cheung Wa-cheung. friend to be as enthusiastic as himself. But from 7 a.m. to 9 and from 10 a.m. to 1. IIIc. Au Kai-fan. Pupil Teachers,-Chan the latter said he cou'd find very little in the work. There was one neat thing. The dimen-Special Prizes: Composition, IA Galluzzi, U. sions of Satan were given, and the time he attendance was 43 for December. 54 boys have prize for general proficiency, he should not lower standards who have been studying took to fall from Heaven to Hell. It was thus left during the year. Of this number 17 boys left | require any further inducement, and I have English for less than two years, and who can Celestial and Infernal regions by a simple sub-English: Class Prizes, IA. Lam Shiu-in stitution in the formula, Sequals & fr. Square. Refore I close my remarks I wish to emphasise the use of mathematics other than its immediate Alonco, D. (General Progress), In. Lo Chiu- | practical application. It is recognised to be ying, Chan Wai-tung, 11A. Leung Shi-wai, the study which more than any other develops what I have elsewhere called the male element sheung, IIIA. Lau Shiu-Niin, Yeung of the mind-the reasoning power. I wish also Pak-un. IIIn. Yeung No, Leung Kau-ku. to add a word of practical advice to the boys Shuk-kon (Morrison.) Young Chak-pak, Lau blunder in a mathematical operation absolutely | have found it an almost impossible matter to Kwong-san. 1VB. Lo Ping-nam, Tso Chak- vittating, as it must do, the result obtained by min. IVc. Li Lün-kwai, Yeung Shuk-ping. I a correct process is the worst of faults, and is I time after they have passed Standards V and VI. VA. Cheng Ka-cheung, Cheuk Man-shu. Vn. generally avaidable by checking. A mere They are restless and anxious to "get a" going over a calculation a second time is not Hok-ch'au, Ch'an Ki-leung. VD. Kó Sik- always or even generally the best way of checking. Sometimes this can be done by reversing Shau-min. VIB Ch'an U-kw'ai, Pun Sz-ku. the process and generally by an operation of mental arithmetic. I suggest to the Head Master that when he finds a boy habitually blundering in his calculations he should san, Cheng Yuk-un. VIID. Chin Chung-cho, make him show at the foot of each solu-Young Kil-to. VIIIA. Tse U-kwai, Kwong tion the method he has adopted to roughly In-nun. VIIIB. U Sheung, An Yeung-i. check it. In conclusion, I would explain that I have chosen to give to this College, as the most important educational establishment in this Colony, the prize for mathematics, because the mathematical prize was the one lifeiency. ki. VIA. Markar H. G. VIC. Gourji I. VIIA. which; when I was at the Royal Military Academy, I was most desirous of winning, and the article I have selected as a prize is the nearest approach I could find here to that which was presented to me for mathematics twenty-five years ago, and which is now on my office table I propose to give a similar prize for the same subject to this College every year while I remain at Hongkong and I hope the Governor's prize for mathematics will be considered worth working for. (Applause.)

Dr Bateson Wright said he had to thank His Excellency very much, for his very kind address. As he had said, they were exceedingly weak in mathematics, and the points to which he had referred showed what a grasp be possessed of the subject. The boys had failed speaker) would certainly endeavour to take up forthcoming Schools! League Competition. the subject of trigonometry as His Excellency classes, and hoped that at the annual prize dis- on a Saturday morning. Between 9 and to lithe school. tribution next year, they would be able to make o'clock one of the masters has been called ?

a satisfactory report. ernor, the visitors and donors of prizes, after fellow-teachers who have made notes of the reopened after the New Year vacation, the which His Excellency called for three cheers | good and weak points of the lesson. The lessons | scholarships were abolished, and all former free for the Head Master, Dr. Bateson Wright, and | dealt with local industries sugar, iron; paper, the proceedings terminated.

ANGLO-CHINESE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS. ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

26th inst. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Matthew. Nathan) presented the prizes to the successful students of the above Schools, this morning, the function taking place at Wantsai School, Bateson Wright, Messra Scott: W. Curwen (Vaumati), Young Hee, W. H. Williams, Irving,

working of this School as follows |--

holidays. An entrance examination was held during the first week; 10 boys were rejected. that subject. By March 10th, the number of boys on the school register was 108. each papil.

The school year commences on Wednesday.

March and, after the usual Chinese New Year

moved to the top of the yard and are n great improvement. The play-ground has been considerably enlarged and the boys appreciale it very much.

The Staff (changes): -Mr. Chan Chiu-lai, the first assistant, resigned on the 1st March : Mr. Chan Chiu-un was appointed first assistant: Mr. Ng Piu died of plague in April; Mr. Yeung Kün appointed on probation; Mr. Yung Kün September on sick leave.

convinced that the Chinese boys have a marked He said it was not necessary for him as it is difficult their use is simple and mechanical, the importance of this subject from both h subject we should, find many other instances in | Anglo-Chinese teachers could do better than lover the same figures again. which the formulae derived from difficult continue their meetings again this year and go processes are made available for the daily use | through a course of practical mathematics: friendly a character, that he ventured to wel- of the engineer, the shipbuilder, the naviga- have tried one or two of the masters and I can tor and others in similar walks of life confidently say they would take it up cagerly who make use of the results obtained and turn it to the very best use in their own

> ment on the recommendations of the "Committee on History and Geography and in the absence of suitable text books, a start has been

Holidays &c.-The school was closed for the first two weeks in April during the Tsing Ming | badly paid because they are not worth more and festival and for the month of August. Closed for four days during April to disinfect and one master from plague. During the that free tuition in the District Schools should be

Attendance :- The highest average attendance was 97 for March. The lowest average the fact that no less than 5 masters have had charge of these classes at different times. found that a master's resignation to accept a more lucrative appointment always meant 3 or 4 boys leaving as a result. This is unfortunate, but at present there is no remedy for it Again 18 boys left Standards V. VI and VII 2 to go to other schools, 3 to the Government. service as clerks, &c., the rest to take up junior appointments with business firms. So, far 1. induce boys to stay in school for any length of situation." The raising of the fees to \$2 at month has, I find, taken away some boys though at first I did not think it would ; but it is, after all, only natural that scholars should go where they can pay the same and in many

cases a lower fee. boys in each class. I now recommend-

reward for diligence the toy boy, in each class I now receives a class prize for general pro-

open for competition to boys who have passed through Standard V and tenable for two years. for this innovation is to offer an inducement to year. boys to continue their education in Standards VI and VII.

silk, etc., and common objects. 'The scholars. have afterwards taken down the notes given position and essay-writing. When the school to the comments of the masters on the lesson midsummer vacations.

I am glad to report that the masters have taken kindly to this method of teaching and

of modern lessons to be given,

And now sir, the Government having transferred. me to another sphere I should like with your permission to take the opportunity of making thetknowledge of Chinese being insufficient to a few remarks which concern the interests of profit by the instruction given at the school in | the scholars and teachers. In these schools, the scholars are classified as in an ordinary Elementary English School. Formerly no Fees.—The school fee is \$2 per month for instruction was given in the District Schools above Standard V. During the past year a Out-Buildings, -The latrines have been re- | Standard VI, and Standard VII. were formed, but the results have not been satisfactory. should like to refer to the remarks made by Dr. Bateson Wright at Queen's College yesterday regarding the early removal of boys in the upper classes just so soon as they could earn a few dollars. We have experienced the same thing in regard to tandards VI and VII. Boys left as soon as they could get a situation thus preventing continuity of work. As the great resigned in September; Mr. Lam Chak Shang | majority of boys leave school on passing appointed on probation. The headmaster was | St. V and some of them before that to take up absent the greater part of July, August and positions as junior clerks with our local firms at salaries ranging from \$15 to \$30 a month I Time table and curriculum :- Instruction in | made a point of inquiring personally how these prescribed Chinese books is given to each class | and many such be). Here getting on and I in turn by the vernacular master, each class re- had conversations with employers representing ceiving instruction on two half days a week, two shipping firms, one wholesale firm; two one morning and one afternoon. The school large retail firms and three engineering firms, is opened for 3 hours in the morning, 21 hours | and I should like to give you their testimony in the afternoon on five days a week. One as to some extent it reflects on the practical half-hour a day being given to recreation. In | value of our Educational System. Of course standards 1 to 1V the ordinary subjects of there are exceptions and we are pleased to instruction are taken, viz.: reading, writing, hear of certain boys making headway but let arithmetic, and conversation. During the year us examine the case of the average boy leavthe following subjects have been introduced ing school. This is a summary of their into standards V, VI and VII. General history, evidence. "The boys you send us from your general descriptive geography; the geography | Anglo-Chinese Schools are reliable when they of special countries, algebra, and object lessons. | are told to copy letters in a legible hand, and Summary of Results :- Geography, arithme. they take things down from dictation fairly duction, we have played three matches, and tic and colloquial English, in standards I and II well, but they show little or no resource, are satisfactory; arithmetic in all classes lacking in general intelligence and do not good; algebra in standards VI and VII very make that progress and show that interest in good. The addition of good apparatus, maps, their work, which an employer looks for." other branches of sport and physical drill may pictures, &c. h is greatly improved the method They gave me illustrations of this and I tried be indulged in by the pupils with the same body, and we believe that athletic exercises I venture to doubt that its full magnitude could plane and between circular areas in the case of of teaching. On the whole the most satisfactory to atone for it by saying that there was the pro- vigour. I would suggest that a low wall be are the principal means for making the body work has been done in standards I; Il and V. | bability of the employer and his European | ejected on the western boundary of the school | healthy. This seems to apply equally ecommendation:-The results in arithmetic subordinates expecting too much from junior generally are satisfactory and as a result of clerks, but this was met by the employers experiments I have made with standards V. VI giving me living instances of boys, who, after and VII as well as with Chinese masters I am | two or three years in the business were not capable of taking charge of a desk, of writing ability for mathematical studies. In view of | in good business style to a foreign firm, or of dealing intelligently with quotations and estipractical and purely educational point of view mates from Chinese firms here and inland, be-I would like to recommend that practical cause they lacked knowledge concerning the mathematics be provided for standards V. VI commodities or were unable to apply what and VII, following a graded three years' little knowledge they had, and their ignorcourse and including the element of practi- ance of practical mathematics was astonishing. and the vacation, a postponement had to take | thematicians is used to facilitate the practical | cal geometry, trigonometry, mensuration and | Only the other day I discovered a clerk using and graphical calculations. To accomplish a most primitive method to convert £37 steronly studied the elements, and it we were to go | something in this direction I do not think the | ling into dollars at 1/111, using up a whole plete inspection of the College and witnessed and consider the higher branches of the the Saturday morning geography class for sheet of foolscap and checking (?) it by going

Now this seems a harsh criticism but upfortunately the main points of it are true and it is for those of us who are interested in Education to ask the reason, and where possible remedy it. Most of the blame (if I may call it so) attaches to the scholars themselves, who are tempted to leave school by the offer of a History:-Finding the decision of Govern- fifteen-dollar billet when they have only a superficial education in English and in Western knowledge, and even in their own language. The Government provide the schools, the apparatus, and the teachers. It is for the Chinese boy therefore to look further ahead. He need not be afraid that he is losing an opportunity when he refuses the first which comes his way. An employer whether he be a

too glad and ready to engage a competent

that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. I have recommended to the inspector of given to pupils who have passed St. V and who wish to continue in VI and VII. // Formerly should grant having certificates to those boys only who have had at least one year's schooling above St. V. When the boys see the advantage of this and when our teaching of important subjects like Geography and Mathematics is reformed on the lines which you, sir, have broadly indicated, we may see the scholars leaving the Anglo-Chinese Schools well equipped for their future career whatever it may be, a credit to themselves, to their teachers, their employers and their country.

Mr. Young Hee said: Your Excellency, Mr. Irving, ladies and gentlemen, with your kind permission. I will read a brief report on the Wanchai School for the year 1904.

· Numerical Strength.—At the beginning of the year under review, there were 104 pupils on the where the teaching staff is more efficient and register. After the usual New Year vacation, cessful. work was re-commenced on the 2nd March. when 13 boys from the vernacular school, and Scholarships :- It has been the rule to grant | 48 new boys were enrolled. During the rea number of internal free scholarships open to mainder of the year 13 more new pupils were admitted, making together 74 new boys enrolled (i.) Abolition of these scholarships. As a throughout the year. The total number of scholars at this school during the year was 178 'Attendance.- During the year, the school was open on 198 days, and the average daily (ii.) I hat 4 scholarships be awarded annually attendance was 114.67, which is an improvement on that of the previous year which was 96.32. The trouble of boxs absenting The scholarships to be granted annually themselves on the most trifling pretexts commencing March 1st, 1905, granted free still prevailed, notwithstanding that strong admission to school during the tenure of the measures had been adopted to prevent it. The scholarship. The headmaster to have the Saturday morning classes at the Salyingpun right to withhold or transfer a scholarship at School at which the assistant-masters were the end of the first year of tenure if the holder's required to attend, have been responsible for report is not deemed satisfactory. My reason the small number of school days during the

Staff.-During the year Messrs. Ng Fungchau and Leung Shiu-on, 1st and 2nd, assistants, Games, etc.:—The boys have had rambles | were transferred to the Yaumati School, and art of a genius, viz.: "that a genius is one to Kennedy Town and Aberdeen and this Mr. Kwok King-shan, 2nd assistant at Yausomewhat improved their knowledge of local mati, was promoted to the first assistant-ship geography. Of English games football is be- of this school. In April last, Mr. Fung Kit- students of English as geniuses, as during in their papers to prove their work, made silly coming quite a savourite pastime. The school ling was appointed probationer. He did not, my experience of nearly twenty years as a errors, and frequently misplaced the decimal, has played matches, and though they have not however, occupy that post long, as he resigned | teacher, I have riever come in contact with a which was a very serious point. He (the won any they hope to do much better in the lat the end of September, when Mr. I o Yuklun, a pupil of this tchool, was selected to fill During the year the masters of all the Dist the vacancy. I must say that these repeated had suggested, among the boys in the higher | trict Schools have met at Saiyingpun School | changes are not conducive to the progress of | Schools for his ready help, assistance and sym-

Fees.-At the beginning of the year, a fee upon to give an object lesson to the upper of Soper month was collected from every pupil Three cheers were then given for the Gov-, classes collectively and in the presence of his (free scholars excepted). When the school was as hard or harder than any of us. scholars and boys from the former vernacular school had to pay \$1 per month. The fee for new pupils was fixed at \$2. The total amount them, on the blackboard for future use in rome of fees collected during the year was \$1,591,50, being an increase of \$979 upon that of 1903.

experienced in obtaining the necessary objects | ter, in writing, to use short words of which you a sure on our space renders it necessary that we

After reading his report Mr. Williams said | with which to illustrate many of the lessons, | are perfectly certain of the meaning than long and I would suggest that more object lesson charts should be furnished. The new reader for Standards I and II are a decided improve ment on the old Orient readers, inasmuch as the reading matter and illustrations in them are more comprehensible to the boys: Similar books should be obtained for the higher standards. With regard to history (Greece), regret to say that the pupils do not

take the amount of interest in this subject as might be expected. Bearing in mind that the majority of the boys, do not remain in school for many years I am of the opinion that a course of English history would be more appreciated and useful. The study of Chinese. The selection

books which will continue your education when you have left school. of books and the new syllabus have turned out a great success. The pupils are taking a keen interest in this subject, and good results have been obtained. Since the inclusion of Chinese in the syllabus, a marked improvement has been noticed in translation, the percentage of passes this year being 96.4 as against 87.8 of last year. The Inspector of Schools conducted the annual examination of this school at the beginning of the present month, the result of which will, no doubt, be made public in due course.

Furniture.—The desks and forms in this school are in a very ditapidated condition, rendered so through long years of use. Unless they are to be replaced by new and modern Year vacation.

Sport. -The manly game of football was introduced in this school a couple of months ago, and it has been taken up by the pupils with great spirit and enthusiasm. Since its introam pleased to say, we have managed to win all with the teachings of Confucius. of them. The playground at our disposal is. rather small and dangerous, otherwise some matter of sport. In England we lay stress on in order to have a little more privacy, and also to Chinese boys, and I shall, therefore, be glad' to avoid the danger of boys from falling over hif the masters encourage, and the boys go in the embankment.

YAUMATI.

Mr. Curwen said :- Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen. In presenting this the and pointed out to me by the inspector as most annual report on the Yaumati School. I am | proficient in reading and talking English ; and pleased to have to report that it is gradually the present-a football--I will give to the increasing and that by the time of the comple- Wanchai School, as I have often seen them at tion of the new premises, I am hopeful that the the game as I pass their playground when .. nucleus of a good school will be ready for go to pole, and so I know they will appreciate trapsference.

Average altendance, 1902, 30; 1903, 76; last year about 86. In 1902, boys used to be given small rewards for regular attendance; in-1903. these rewards were abolished and a fee of so cents per month charged and last year this was again increased to \$2 per mensem, and notwith. placency in the air, and such a spirit was not standing the great increase in fees, the average attendance has considerably increased. This I the schools on their unregenerate basis. But I think is extremely satisfactory when one takes into account the premises in which the school advance themselves, on the best lines, -such is carried on at present, and the limited staff, lines as His Excellency had pointed out to viz.: 2 Anglo-Chinese masters.

This method I soon found to be a d stinct failure. I given. and my conclusion is that the first work must be chiefly spelt on the alphabet and phonetics. Another experiment was in the teaching of of the Governor, cheers were given for the servant, and I have told the boys that they are | English composition. This I commenced in | Head Masters, and Mr. Irving, the Inspector Standard I, by asking boys to write a given of schools. number of sentences about a picture oran object placed before them. This was followed in Standard II by asking boys to HONGKONG COLURGE OF MEDIreproduce the substance of a short story told to. Them (reading not the sightest use), and the same in Standard III only of a more difficult a scholarship was given to the top boy in each | nature. This has been a great success and at class, but as the top boy now receives a book | the present time there are boys in the three means of oral lessons, illustrated by pictures whenever persible, and notes have to be written on the black board for the pupils to copy and digest. The first part of the following lesson: has to be devoted to oral questioning on the subject matter of the previous lesson. This plan of teaching history has been fairly suc-

viriced is to be found in the system of classifi-English. The teaching of the two languages to sanction a scheme for rearranging the more time available for English...

General.—As regards other subjects, there is little comment needed from me as there is not the slightest doubt that the Inspector of Schools will remind us of our deficiencies. The Boys. - If we are to accept Carlyle's

with an infinite capacity for taking pains," then we must write down nearly all Chinese more earnest and determined set of students than the average class of Chinese boys a

pathy when required, my staff which although small have worked extremely hard, and last but not least the boys themselves who have worked

His Excellency then distributed the prizes. THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

that makes the lesson bright, interesting and mese were included. Throughout the year, the you to do your best to take advantage of this have been given to all the standards, in which home, and I also advise you, when you see or its courses of lectures, which is double the T expect that this year hygiene, physiology particular attention was paid to English hear words that you do not understand, to ask number of students that we had only five Mr. W. H. Williams read the report on the and sanitary science will be added to the list colloquial. Some difficulties, however, were your master to explain them to you, It is bet- years ago, and this ever increasing pros-

ones that, though they may sound learned, may not mean what you think they do. In telling you to learn to pronounce English well I know I am telling you to do what is very difficult for Ch nese boys; it will be the more to your credit when you do it well. As regards talking English correctly, there can be no question of the use of it to those among you who are going to live and work in this English colony; and those that go elsewhere will find that English is the most useful language to know in most places in the world that are washed by the waves of the sea. And as to reading fluently, you must remember that your school course is intended to open to you those

The next thing I wish to speak to you about is manners. There is a Chinese gentleman here whom I have the honour to reckon among my friends who tells me that the boys of Hongkong have not got the good manners that they had when he was young-that the young do not now pay the same respect to the old as they did, and that the same gratitude is not shown to those who endeavour to assist them. This is not as it should be, and I would urge on the boys' of the Anglo-Chinese schools to kive attention to manners, of which the essence is to pay respect where respect is due and to do nothing that may hurt the feelings of others. The right-minded person feels a rudeones, they ought to be repaired during the New | ness more than a blow, and the right-minded person will no more think of showing a rudeness than of striking a blow. The motto of one of our oldest English public schools is "Manners maketh man," and I went this motto borne in mind by the Chinese boys in out

> in conclusion, I will say two words on the the healthy mind going along with the healthy for, such exercises as football and cricket.

Hongkong schools. It is entirely consistent

I will now give one prize and one present. The prize—a book—I will give to the boy this gift. (Applause).

Mr. Irving said this was the second annual prize distribution in connection with the District Schools since they were placed on a new! basis. Last year there was a spirit of comunnatural to those of them who remembered they must not rest on their laurels, but try and them that day. They must not be satisfied Curriculum. - The work for the past two years | with what little they had done up to this time, has been largely of an experimental nature in but advance, and see that the schools were order to discover the best and simplest methods | better each succeeding year. In the name of of imparting instruction. For instance, last the Masters and the scholars of the District year I determined to try a plan followed in a Schools, he thanked His Excellency for coming great many schools at home, and that was to there to distribute the prizes, and still more for teach words before teaching the alphabet. the words of counsel and advice which he had

The scholars then gave three hearty cheers for His Excellency, after which on the call

The proceedings then terminated.

CINE FOR CHINESE.

DISTRIBUTION OF D.PLOMAS.

In the Legislative Council Chamber, at noon. possible to calculate the distance between the from Standards III and IV which I attribute to further recommended that the Department write better English composition than some to-day, H. E. the Governor (Sir Matthew, boys in the upper Standards who have been Nathan, R.E., K.C.H.G.) presented the diplomas studying English for five years. History as to the successful students at the recent examin-Your Excellency is aware has been taught ation in connection with this College. Amongst during the past year. The teaching of those present were Hon, Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., this subject has occasioned me many hours (Rector of the College), Dr. F. W. Clark (Dean of anxious thought as to which was the best of the College), Dr. J. C. Thomson (Secretary method. It is perfectly useless ie., from an and Treasurer) Dr. Atkinson, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai. educational point of view, to give a Chinese C.M.G., Mr. A. Ramjahn, Dr. Bateson Wright. boy a book and ask him to study a part or Mr. J. Dyer Ball, Mr. G. Piercy, Hon. A.: W. parts of it because he sets himself to learn it off | Brewin, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Dr. Hunter. Dr. by heart. This subject must be taught by Barnett, Dr. Pearse, Dr. Gimlette, Mr. D. Wood. Mr. Yung Hee, Rev. C. H. Hickling, Mr. Tsol Kwai Ng, Mr. Tong Lai Chum, Mr. Woo Ai Chan and others.

Dr. Francis Clark, said:-Your Ex-

cellency-I have the honour to present

to you four students of the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese, who have, after five years of real hard work, earned the Chinese,-This subject I have been in | proud distinction of becoming Licentiates of formed by the Inspector of Schools has not | that College. The profession of medicine is been a success. The reason for this I am con- one that calls for many high qualities on the part of its votaries, and it is our earnest hope cation in this subject, as followed in the Dis- that these gentlemen will worthily maintain trict Schools. Boys will have to be classified | the honour and dignity of their calling; that in Chinese according to their knowledge of the they will be exemplary in the discharge of language and not as at present be placed in their civil duties; that they will not look upon classes I, II, III or IV in Chinese just be- their admission to our ranks solely as a means cause they happen to be in those classes for of earning a livelihood,—though truly the labourer is worthy of his hire, in this as should be altogether separate and distinct in | in all other earnest work,-but rather that the first four classes. Before the re-opening of they will remember that it is their esnethe schools I shall ask the Inspector of Schools | cial privilege to extend relief and consolation to their fellow-creatures in the hour teaching of this subject and by so doing render of their affliction; and lastly that they will assist in spreading the light of learning among their countrymen, whose eyes have yet to be opened to many of the marvetlous truths of modern science. We have much to learn from that ancient nation whose vast. Empire lies besides us, for are they not models of patience and industry for all the world to imitate, but in the matter of the relief of human suffering the East has lagged sadly behind the West, and though the Asian pharmacopeia contained many of the most potent drugs now known to Western Science for long years before their names even were known to us, ye their use has been hampered and impeded by In conclusion I must thank the Inspector of all that overgrowth of mysticism, astrology and superstition from which the more robust thought of our own nation has long since. shaken itself free, yet we intest not think that China's leaders are altogether indifferent to the onward progress of science, for did not one of the greatest of her sons, the late Li Hung Chang, write to us in 1887 H. E. the Governor said :- Boys,-On that " ('e hoped chemistry and; anatomy this occasion I am going to address my would form a large and particular part of few remarks to you, and I will ask your the training we meant to give." We have masters to explain them afterwards to those not yet done all that we wish to do among you who do not know enough English in the direction of the teaching of anatomy. was dismissed half-an-hour was spent listening No see was collected during the New Year and as yet to understand what I say. I have visit- from the cadaver, but we have gone, I think, ed, since I came here, the Wanchai and Yau- as far as we can go under present conditions, Work and Progress.—At the beginning of the mati schools, and I know that the boys there and now we only await a college building for year, the vernacular school formerly attached are being taught English in the right way, and the more efficient training of our students, to this school was abolished, and a new sylla- in the Inspector's report I read that this is also especially in the subjects of anatomy and they prepare and give their lessons in a way bus was introduced in which history and Chi- the case at the Saiyingpun School. I want chemistry, the former of which requires a dissecting room and the latter a well equipped Queen's Road East. There were present Dr. more logical. This method seems to me a rad teaching of all subjects has been, so far as post teaching of English, so that you may quickly laboratory, and I think I may say that this is tional one if Chinese masters are to give instruct sible, carried out in accordance with the new learn to pronounce it properly, speak it correct already beginning to take shape on paper, tion in Western Knowledge and the Inspector methods, and I think the experiment has been ly, and read it easily. To do this I advise you although we have not yet reached the more Braidwood, R. A. B. Ponsonby (Private Secret of Schools who has periodically visited the crowned with undoubted success. A number of not only to talk English in school, but to talk it practical stage of bricks and mortar. The tary to the Governor), Rev. W. Bridie and classes has spoken well of its results on the object lessons on geography and natural history also with each other on the playground and at College has now 40 students attending

should materialize our ideals and with this aim the sympathies and loosen the purse-strings of home, and thus add one more monument to to those which already testify so loudly to the marvellous proviess and stability of our Colony. The wording of our diploma runs as follows, in both English and Chinese:- "We, the Dean Lecturers and Examiners of the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese, hereby declare that Mr. ..... having attended courses of lectures during a period of five years, in the various departments of professional study required by the College has been examined and has duly satisfied the eximiners in each of those subjects; that he is qualified to practise medicine, surgery and midwifery; and that by authority of the Court of the College he is hereby granted the stitle of Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery of the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese." I now have the honour to present to your Excellency Mr. Au Sz Cham, Mr. Ma Luk, Mr. Eugene Lionel de ouza and Mr. To Ying Kwan, to receive at your hands the diplomas which they have so justly earned. His Excellency having graciously presented

the certificates said: It has given me much pleasure to hand the licenses to the gautlemen whom you have presented to me, Mr. Dean, and I congratulate them upon having entered and qualified in a profession which has for its noble aims, the saving of life, and the diminution of hum a suffering. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., said :- On behalf of the Hongkong College of Mericine for Chinese. I beg to tender Your Excellency our thanks far coming here to-day. We know how many demands on your time are made at this season of the year, and therefore we appreciate all the more your coming here to-day.

The proceedings then terminated.

ELLIS KADOORIE CHINESE SCHOULS SOCIETY.

HONAM COLLEGE.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

A very pleasant function took place on Saturday (21st inst.), when Mr. Ho Kom Tong, of Hongkong, distributed the scholarships and prizes to the successful pupils in Honam College. Canton, affiliated to the Ellis Kadonrie Chinese Schools Spciety. large number of visitors were present and the seating accommodation was taxed to its utmost. In his report, which, onened the proceedings, the headmaster (Mr. Kirkhope) laid stress upon the apathy of many patents and guardians who do not interest themselves sufficiently in the pupils and see that they occupy profitably all their time. The co operation of parents was sought in order to prevent the demoralising influence of irregularity and unpunctuality, of slovenline 4s and impoliteness, - weaknesses which gradually become inherent, and which were encouraged by the laxity of many private adventure schools. "Fducation," said Mr. Kirkhope, "aims largely at characterbuilding, and the teacher can be a really assisted by parents who are in sympathy with him, and who do their best to have the lessons of pro-, priety inculcated in the school, applied in the home."

In all, eighteen scholarships (entitling to free education for varying periods), and 35 prizes (eight of which were for the Chinese Echool) were awarded. Mr. Ho Kom Tong then made an interesting and encouraging address to the pupils and teachers, in the course of which he took the opportunity to mention the Society's appreciation of the services of the late Head master (Mr. Sterling).

In a few classing remarks, the Headmaster asid that he tidd reserved two clibits of news which would give pleasure, the one to the pupils. and the other to the Society." That for the pupils delectation was that Mr. Ho Koln Tong had just offered, most generously, a bursary for competition among them. The bursary would be of the value of \$40, and would be awarded at the annual prize distribution to the Dux of the English School. That which would gratify the Society was that at the examination held five days previously to entrance for Imperial Customs Service, pupils of Honam College had obtained 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th places. Both these items of news were greeted with great applause,

After briefly thanking the Commander and Officers of H.M., Moothen for the use of flags for decoration purpose, Mr. Ho Kom long both for his generosity and for his kind words of encouragement, and all the visitors for their attendance, the Headmaster called for three cheers for all those present who had interested themselves in the College- a request to which the scholars responded with energy.

THE LATE BISHOP PIAZZOLI. SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS AT THE'R.' C. CATHEDRAL.

R. C. Cathedral this morning, for the repose of as martyrs to God. At his lodging he heard the soul of the late Right Reverend L. M. that he himself was also to be executed. In Piazzoli, Bishop of Clazomene, and Vicar-Apostolic of Hongkong. His Lordship the was taken not to allow the victims to escape. | ready enjoying his eternal reward which God Right Rev. João Paulino d'Azevedo, Bishop of At their evening meal, they made prepara- gives to His faithful servants, and also believing Macao, officiated, being assisted by French, tions to execute these poor people who were that in dying we do not lose life, but pass to a Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese clergy, there being in all fatty priests present. The meal being over, the terrible sound of taken him away from us, but his virtues During the Pontifical High Mass, which commenced at nine o'clock, and concluded at a panied by cries of death and impresations may be continue to be our shepherd and help quarter past eleven, the special rites were ob. lagainst the poor victims. Terror invaded the us till we be all united together in that place served, consisting of the five absolutions, pronounced by priests representing the five nationalities above mentioned. The Consul in their houses. The bloot-thirsty gang, armed the holy sacrifice offered, and give him Eternal to be present owing to indisposition, but with | with crowbars to break in the doors, entered the floral wreaths he sent a letter of condolence and | village and breaking into the houses, hacked regret, The Consuls-General and Vice-Consuls present were: A. G. Romano, and J. J. | then took with them as prisoners five men who Leiria for Portugal, P. A. Marty for Spain, N. | were fathers of families. The women and Post for Austro-Hungary, and T. Hamman for | children then succeeded in escaping in the dark. Belgium. The Cathedral had been draped in ness leaving all they possessed in the hands South Africa. black, the catafalque in the centre being sur- of their persecutors. With the light of torches mounted by a black velvet canopy trimmed and amidst the sound of the "tom-tom" the with silver fringe, and beneath, on the coffin, five men were tied to a tree, beaten and mal the deceased prelate, while his cross and staff victims failed to excite compassion in the floor below, the pillars and upper windows be- pain and distress felt by good Fr. Louis ing similarly draped.

Macao and Canton, respectively, the Rev. | good Father as a mild lamb

ceased prelate.

age of 50 years. After alluding to the feeling Colony and the neighbouring Colonies and tendering the thanks of the community to the Governor, the Admirals, the Chief Justice and the leading officials of Hongkong for the expressions of their sympathy, the Rev. Father remarked on the virtues that had adorned the departed and said that during his long career of 35 years in China he truly fulfilled the counsel of the Apostle, "Labour as a good soldier of Christ" as on various occasions he was in danger of his life while executing his ministry. I receeding, he said that Mon. Piazzoli, the youngest son of a large family, was born at Alzano, near Milan, of very virtuous parents, and received from them his first education which gave to young Piazzoli a good and intrepid character, preparing him unconsciously for the most noble of ministries. He continued his education in Bergam College, going through classical course as is generally done by those young men who are intended for the ecclesias lical profession. He than studied philosophy, theology, and science, passing successfully lijs examination in the Seminary at Milan, and in the year 1868 he was ordained priest to the meanwhile, the young priest was thinking of the sad condition of those poor people who are living without the knowledge of God, he compassionated them and decided to connecessary help. ARRIVAL AT HONGKONG.

a difficult task, and more so for the young missionary as he was confided with a large territory. Full of ardour he began at once to atudy the Chinese language, mastered it in a comparatively short time, and simultaneously commenced his apostolic career which was to be both energetic and perilous though; full of I get off safe as the cannon burst, blowing off his fruit. Truly, the beginning of his career at once showed the strong character of the valiant l missionary, who left his country, parents, friends, except the priests were wounded not one of salvation of souls. His life was at that time a wandering one, having no fixed place of abode. Father Louis, as he was generally called, had blood. It was in the midst of such dangers and to begin to open up the field entrusted to him. Living simply as the poorest of the Chinese, the good missionary did not spare all; he instructed the people, gave them counprised to find a man so devoted to every good | continued the cause, and the life he led had such good effect on them that, in spite of their early prejudice | which was his characteristic while he was in against foreigners, they made friends with him and asked to be instructed in the farth. But the triumph is not obtained without fighting, and the history of the 4 hunch is a standing monument to tell us that the hest victories were ob- houses or at the plague hospital, giving them tained only at the price of the greatest sacrifices. This had been the case with our late Bishop. Many inhabitants of a village, having "intercourse with the Father, and being pleased with the religion he taught, spontaneously resolved to embrace the faith. Their resolution was not pleasing to their neighbours who in- | he had to give in. On May 19th, 1895, he was | terfered and put every obstacle in the way, I consecrated Bishop, and the marks of respect even threatening them with death; but God such strength that notwithstanding these reward for his holy life. Though a bishop he same time, was withdrawn. threats, though they were entirely free, they continued to discharge the missionary duties, wished to be paptised. Heing sufficiently in- | and, during the succeeding nine years "the structed and after many proof, of constancy | Catholic institutions of the Colony progressed. and goodwill, Fr. Louis decided to baptise The schools were more flourishing, the poor them. After haptism the hoy converts were lawere better looked after, the cathedral was to satisfy their hatred and decided to kill the I death he left a flourishing mission with man

IN DANGER OF HIS LIFE. small but, where a Chinese family was living. There he learned the intentions of the natives. and discovered that they were blinded with fail and last May he went home to Italy with hatred against the poor converts. He made the hope of recovering, but on the 26th of efforts to appease the people, but in vain. The men were decided, at any cost, to destroy the Christians, so he then went to his longing and recommended the converts to abstain from A solemn Requiem Mass was sung in the violence and to be prepared the give their lives | the Rev. Father; let us, therefore, be grateful' the meantime, night came, and every measure | believing that he whom we mourn may be alguilty of no crime than that of being Christians. | better and an everlasting one. Death has the "tom-tom," or gong, was heard accom- will remain as a treasure for us. In charity whole village without a voice of mercy or pity for | where all is joy and happiness, and may God the innocents who had barricaded themselves in His merciful bounty accept the prayers and General for Italy, Chev. Z. Volpicelli, was unable | with rifles and other weapons, and provided | peace. and wounded all that came in their way. They was placed the mitre, rochet, alb and stole of treated in every way. The cries of the poor were placed at the head. From the roof above hearts of the persecutors, and the poor creahung long festoons of black and white to the tures were cut to pieces. Imagine the when he heard their cries and witnessed the The music was rendered by St. Joseph's cruel treatment to which they were subjected choir, with taste and grave solemnity. The without being able to give them any assistchurch was crowded in every part, not a vacant | ance | Next day his own terrible hour arrived, seat being available for late-comers after the he was still hiding in the same hut, the cries of hour set for the solemn rites. Imme- his persecutors threatening him with death ring. diately within the altar rails had been set | ing in his ears. He prepared to die, glad of special seats for the visiting clergy, among whom | having the occasion of giving his blood for the | sumably to proceed to Chefoo to embark Port were the Rev. Fathers Floro and Fourquet, faith for which so many disciples of the cross chaplains to Their Lordships the Bishop of have given their own in former times. The

that of his sheep,

Father Illidio and Luc, representing the PRESENTED HIMSELF TO HIS PERSECUTORS Seminary of Macao; the Rev Fathers Gomez, at the distance of a few paces. A murderous representing the Parish priests of Macao, and band at once presented a rifle at him and pulled saki, the Kawasaki Shipbuilding Company at the Rev. A. Gomez, S. J. Memorial cards of the trigger. Fortunately, the rifle missed fire, very neat design bearing on the front a He tried a second and a third time, but with pleted in the course of the present year. speaking likeness of the late Bishop Piazzoli | the same result. At this moment an old man, have been printed by the French Fathers at | who was standing by, lowered the rifle sug. | before Mr. Gompertz this morning, with impedtheir Nazareth Press in Poksulam, for the gesting that the execution of the Father be de- ing the navigation of the s.s. Alesta, yesterday | the French coast, Bishop of Macao and friends, for distribution | ferred to the night as it would be then eas er to among sympathizers, as souvenirs of the de- conceal the affair in case the foreigners came fast his sampan to the vessel. There have In delivering the funeral oration, Father Father was counting with anxiety the hours, shipmasters, the culprits in many cases being Spade, who spoke in Portuguese, said "Your waiting for his end. At nightfall, a native who | these Chinese boarding house runners, who are Chine Navigation has made a general change their goal keeper playing an exceptionally understood that similar precautions will be

appropriate to illustrate the memory of hiding, was only of dried earth bricks, and the Italy, under the weight of his ministry but the | the house, which was facing the fields, and put in some torn clothes, telling the Father to of sorrow and condolence received from the change at once and escape with him. Fr. Louis, perceiving in this a help from heaven, immediately changed his clothes, passed through the opening and took flight through the fields, in search of a secure hiding place. The valiant missionary escaped bodily martyrdom, but not a spiritual one. After this persecution the sufferings through which the Father passed were almost incredible. He was the only support of these persecuted women and children, their only helper and consoler. The difficulties of his ministry were great! increased because for a long time he had to travel and to work at night in order to avoid the ill-feelings of the natives. Truly, the manly deeds of Fr. Louis proved that when God confided a mission to a man He gave the necessary help to fulfil it. No doubt, they could fought the good fight." These events instead new conversations again became the cause of fresh troubles. The local mandaria offered A BIG PRICE FOR HIS HEAD, soldiers and other mercenaries were on his

On another occasion it was also a Providential requirements of gentlemen passengers. The fact that he escaped with his life. He was accompanying a new missionary to his destination travelling in a Chinese junk, at night there secrate his life to them. Heroic decision! was no wind and the craft stopped when sud-You all know, said the Rev. Father, what sacrifice | dealy a boat-load of armed pirates tried to a Catholic missionary', life in China exacts; gen- | board the junk. A terrible fight ensued, fireerally he has to share the miseries of the poor, arms were freely used, several men fell dead exposed to the anti-foreign feeling of the peo. into the sea and others were severely wounded. ple, and even in danger of life; but no matter, The missionaries gave each other the last abit is God who calls him and He will give the solution and baptised a catechumen, as they thought that all was over as the crew of the otherwise such passengers may land at Algiers, junk were wounded and the ammunition from whence there is a regular service three The necessary preparations having been exhausted. As a last resource, the steersman, made, the young priest was sent to Hongkong, who had still some power left, got all the old where, at that time, the mission was at its be- pieces of iron, broken pots, and everything The trip from Algiers to Marseilles takes about ginning. Much had to be done; it was for all | else of the like on which he could lay his hands | 26 hours only. The passage rates by the and loaded an old cannon which had not yet H. A. I., steamers are comparatively moderate been used in the fight and fired it. The effect and may be learned on application to the was murderous on the pirate boat as several men were seen to fall and the rest, thinking that the junk was well armed put off at once crying for mercy. But the sicersman did not right arm and wounding him severely in the side. Though all the occupants of the junk position, only for the cause of God, and for the | them was killed. An idea of the terrible fright may be formed from the fact that the next morning the sea around the junk was red with difficulties that Fr Louis exerted for twenty-one years his apostolic ministry all of which was done while his health was far from being good, diff on the 17th of November with 5,900 tons of himself, but became useful for the welfare of as he suffered frequently from fever, brought on most probably by exposure. In the besel, helped them, and in hundreds of instances | ginning of 1892, the Very Rev. Fr. Burghinoli, | The Oakley is a steamer of 3,798 tons gross, settled disputes to the general satisfaction | died. Fr. Louis was appointed Pro-Vicar of all and thus prevented serious clan fights. Apostolic by Mon. Raimondi. During the Christians and non-christians alike were sur- | three years that he was Pro-Vicar Apostolic he

SAME ACTIVE LIFE IN HONGKONG the interior of China. He gave a special proof of his zeul in the year 1894 when the plague first appeared in this Colony. Every day he was visiting the plague patients, either in their religious consolation and administering the sacraments. In the same year Mon. Raimondi expired and a few months after Fr. Louis was elected Bishop of Clazomene and Vicar-Apostolic of Hongkong. In his humility he refused, but the orders of his superiors were irrevocable, so very pleased and satisfied and thought they completed with its new and imposing tower would have no more trouble from their neigh- and peal of five bells. But his greatest conbours. But they were deceived; secretly their | solution was that when he came to China there neighbours were preparing terrible vengeance were few Chinese Christians, whereas at his Father and Christians abke. Fr. Louis, having Lichapels and about 7,000 Christians. The great knowledge that the converts were in danger of virtues with which he was adorned were contheir lives, as a good shepherd, went at once to | cealed under a great modesty which rendered help them, ready to give his own life to save him more respected and endeared him to al All those of every race and creed who knew him highly respected him and the officials of Having no residence, he took lodgings in a the Colony showed him every mark of kindness

and respect. Worn out by his labours his health began to December last he passed quietly away. He had much desired to die amongst his children, tut God required this last sacrifice of him. We are now orphans of a good Father, concluded by praying for the repose of his soul. According to our faith we can console ourselves by

SHIPPING JETSAM.

The s.s. Ascot sailed yesterday for Chinwantao to load a further batch of coolies for

The M.M.S. Ernest Simons made a quick run up to Shafighai from Hongkong, leaving here at 10 p.m. on 12th inst. she arrived at Woosung at 8 a.m. 15th inst.

THE SE "GAELIC."

The term of charter of the s.s. Gaelic to the O. and O. S. S. Co. having expired, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire are acting as agents to the familiar lines for the owners in the East.

It is reported that the s.s. Munchen recently sold by Messrs, Faraham, Boyd and Co., was purchased nominally by Messrs. Zimmerman, and is now being fitted up with bunks, pre-Arthur refugees.

There are ten steamers of more than 1,000 tons gross each now being built by the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard and Engine Works at Naga- 73,593 tons. Osaka, all of which are expected to be com-

A native boarding-house runner was charged morning, while entering the harbour, by making

The recommendation of St. Paul to labour as | from the missionary, taking pity on him, came | they flock round the steamers before they are | taking the Shantung and Captain Warrack | in view we hope at no distant date to awaken a good soldier of Christ seemed to be very to his rescue. The hut, in which the priest was moored. It is not so long ago that this crowd- being transferred to the Kansu. ing round moving steamers caused the death our many friends here, and in China, and at | the late Bishop Piazzoil, who succumbed in | good Chinese made an opening at the back of | of one of the crew, as recorded in these columns at the time. In this case His Worship severely reprimanded the defendant and fined him \$25.

PASSENGER SERVICE OF THE HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

For intending passengers to and from Europe

Hamburg-Amerika Line of Hamburg has opened a new regular passenger service with the three new passenger boats Rhenant, Rhaetia and Rugia together with the two boats Scandia and Slavonia, which are already known as having been on the line for some time. The three newboats, Rhanania, Rhretia and Rugia are specially built for the tropics, have very large, well ventilated cabins, each provided with two beds one sofa one table, two wardrobes, two washstands, etc., etc. The berths are not arranged one above the other as it has been the fashion hitherto, but the staterooms apply to him the words of the Apostle "He closely resemble ordinary sleeping rooms on shore, the berths standing like beds at either of having the effect of deterring people from side of the cabins. The number of passengers going to him attracted them still more. But is limited to 40 in the first class so as to avoid overcrowding, and about 100 passengers in the steerage. The latter is particularly high and spacious. There is a large and elegantly furnished saloon and a tastefully arranged ladies' parlor. A track, but being informed of this he escaped. | comfortably fitted up smoking room meets the ships are of about 6,500 tons gross register, being able to carry about 10,000 tons of general cargo and have an average speed of about 13 knots. The steamers are to run regularly from Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai, Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Colombo to Suez, Port Said, Algiers, Havre and Hamburg. If sufficient inducement offers the steamers can be engineer of the Pakkong, stated that he had made to call at Marseilles to disembark such passengers as may desire to travel overland; he had been a heavy drinker he was never times a week to Marseilles by the mail steamers of the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique. agencies in Japan, China and the Straits.

24th inst. The s.s. Cranley sailed this afternoon for Durban, taking 2,012 coolies, originally shipped at Chinwantao and Chefoo.

The deputy Vice-Consul for Sweden and Norway kindly informs us that he has received the following telegram from the Consul for Sweden and Norway at Bangkok:-"Nine days' quarantine is established here against all arrivals from Hongkong. Inspection Koh Phai.

The British steamer Oakley, which left Carcoal for Vladivostok, was captured on 18th inst. in the Taushima Channel and taken to Saseho. belonging to Mr. W. R. Rea of Belfast.

HONGKONG INFECTED.

The Colonial Secretary has forwarded to us a copy of following 'telegram received from the Secretary to the Government, Burma, dated 24th inst.:- "Hongkong declared infected; inform shipping firms."

At noon to-day, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, under instructions from the mortgagees, put master for the Atlas, which by the way is one up for sale by auction the steam-launch flot of the fastest sailers of the Standard O'l fleet Ping. Bidding began at \$1,00 , and rose and made the record passage from New York briskly to \$3 550, at which figure it was knock. last year. Captain Aimesbury, the man selected down to Wai Ki, launch-owner. The di- ed for the post of command, only arrived in mensions of the Hoi Ping are: length 63 feet | this port a few days ago from America, and six inches; breadth 12 feet five inches; depth | was found dead in his cabin this morning be 7 feet three inches, her gross tonnage being 40 | the steward. The captain it appears has already shown him by all that day as well as the high tons. The mortgagor was Tsang Tong, The been on deck and returning to his cabin, told who wanted these chosen souls gave them dignity conferred upon him were a fitting Rising Star, launch, advertised for sale at the the steward to go down to the lazarette to get

LAUNCH MASTER PINED. Before the Hon. Captain L. A. W. Barnes-Lawrence, Marine Magistrate, this morning, George Boole, Water Police, prosecuted Wong Fu, master of the steam-launch Tow for failing to observe the rules of the road in the harbour on the 24th inst.—G. Boole stated that at about it a.m. on the 23rd inst., he was in charge of No. 4 Police boat and whilst crossing the harbour from Pottinger's Pier to Kowloon he saw the steam-launch Tow, of which defendant was master, coming down on his port bow in such a manner that if both had kept on their course there would have been a collision. He heard two blasts blown on the Tow's whistle, and he then blew one blast on his own, to denote that he was going to starboard, which he did slightly. The defendant then again blew two blasts, and witness blew one blast and kept more away to starboard until he saw defendant was getting too close, as he kept on starboarding his helm, and then witness had to go to stathoard to avoid a collision.—The master of the Towshowed by models that the Tow did not make allowance for room for her to clear the police boat, which had to give way, when by the rules of the road, he need not have done so. defendant did not seem to understand a strict interpretation of the rules of the road.-The defendant was warned to make himself better acquainted with those rules, and was

Mr. Basil Taylor, Assistant Harbour Master, prosecuted Su Fuk, assistant master of the steam launch Cheong Ching, upon a similar charge to the above. He stated that about one o'clock on the 24th inst. he was in the Harbour Department launch Daisy, returning to the Harbour Master's pier. As he pete dressing of the British warships in honneared the Stanley he saw on his starboard side the defendant's launch coming down from West to East. Witness had no room to turn so he blew two blasts on his whistle and went | ships. full speed astern. The Cheong Ching came out from behind a junk, put her launch eight points to starboard, and as nearly as possible ran into witness's launch.—The assistant master of the Cheony Ching showed that he put his helm to starboard quite peedlessly, and evidently became confused.-He was warned to be more careful in future, and was fined \$5.

27th inst. The German steamer Pringers Irens, so well-known in Hongkong, is now on the Genoa and New York, run. The officers report having experienced since leaving Gibraltar on 13 Dec. one of the most tempes uous voyages in their experience.

The largest annual shipping output of any single yard in the world is that of Messrs. Russell and Company, of Port Glasgow, with 73,689 tons, and this is closely followed by Mesars, Swan and Hunter, of Newcastle, with

St, Catherine's Lighthouse, Isle of Wight, has just been fitted with a flashlight which is estimated to be equal to fifteen million candle | Gerard Noel and suite aboard. power, and on nights when the atmosphere is favourable its beam is probably visible from

to inquire about it. As the day passed the poor been a great many complaints made lately by of the steamer Taming, has been given the Iphigenia's final match in the league. Wallace passengers were permitted to land last evensteamer Sunghlang, of the same line. The scored for the Iphlyenia in the second half, log they had to be vaccinated, and it is

CANTON RIVER BARRIERS. Work in connection with the removal of the artificial obstructions to navigation in the Canton River has been proceeding now for several months, but owing to numerous difficulties encountered it is not expected that the contract will be concluded for at least another year, via fluez it will be interesting to learn that the | The barriers at Whampon and Taishek, and the Wooden and Iron barriers have been surveyed and the work of removing them is well in hand, and within a few days it is expected that blasting operations will be commenced.

> Not only the officers of the B. I. S. N. Company, who are principally concerned, but everyone, who has travelled by the steamers of the Company, will be glad to hear of their increase of pay. There are few passengers, says a Rangoon paper, who have not derived increased pleasure on the steamers from their intercourse with the kindly and entertaining young men who form the officers of the fleet. More especially on coasting lines, where a port is reached perhaps in each 24 hours, the B. I. S. N. Co.'s officers are very hard worked. But their good-temper and affability to passengers is everywhere the same, and all will be glad to hear of their better pay and wish them increased advantages,

An inquiry was held by Mr. Gompertz yesterday into the causes which led to the death of Thomas Crowther Angwin Greenland, whose body was found in the harbour, and which was afterwards identifed as that of the mate of the Pakkong. The following jurymen, were empannelled: Chas. A. Brown (Foreman), J. T Turner, J. Johnston Watson.-W. H. Loureiro known deceased for six months, and though quarrelsome, in his cups, but weak on his logs when in liquor. Shortly before the occurrence in question he appeared to be quite sober, and had no wounds on his face except one, the result of an old operation. He did not know how deceased got into the water.-Dr. E A. Laing stated that he received the body of deceased at the hospital, and noticed some wounds on the face which might have been caused by a fall down stairs, or by a blow from a brick. The wounds were such as would be likely to render a man unconscious.-Dr. W. Hunter testified to holding a postmortem examination on the body of deceased, and spoke to seeing the wounds mentioned, but there were no other marks on the body. Death was due to drowning. Witness could not say if deceased was drunk a the time of the fatality.—The jury returned a verdict that deceased met his death by accidental drowning, having been intoxicated at the time he fell into the water.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE OF AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN.

The Shanghai Mercury of 23rd inst. says :-This morning a sad discovery was made on the Standard Oil Co.'s barque Atlas. She has been lying in the stream for several weeks having no engagement to load home after discharging her cargo. The death of the Captain of the same company's ship Acme at Nagasaki compelled the owners to telegraph some weeks ago for the master of the Atlas to proceed to Hongkong, there to take command of the Acme, which he did shortly before Christmas and this change necessitated them sending out another some sugar; on returning on deck the steward went to the Captain's cabin about 8 a.m. to see if he wanted warm water to wash with and found him lying on the floor dead, a revolver lying alongside him, his pyjamas singed at the breast, the thumb discoloured by powder and an ominous stream trickling from the region of his heart. On arrival of the Standard Oil Co.'s launch Mel Foo this morning in town the painful news was telephoned to the American authorities, who, together with the U.S. Medica Officer and Mr. Blake, the assistant manager of the S. O. Co. in Shanghai, proceeded to the

An inquest was held this afternoon when the jury after hearing the evidence brought in a verdict that deceased committed suicide while suffering from temporary mental aberration,

NAVAL NOTES.

It is rumoured in Naval circles that Vice-Admiral Curzon-Howe is going to fly his flag in the Ocean, Capt. Freemantle leaving the Albion and changes places with Capt. Greet.

H.M.S. Sutlej which arrived here on Friday will probably relieve the Amphitrite, at Weihalwel, which is due to proceed home and pay

The Imperial Military Headquarters at Tokio instructed the naval authorities at Port Arthur to accept the medical assistance and stores brought by H.M.S. Andromeda, but that vessel had unfortunately already returned to Weihai-

Yesterday morning, at eight o'clock, the usual ceremony of playing the King and hoisting the colours was accompanied by a comour of Accession Day, and at 1 p.m. each ship fired a Royal Salute of 21 guns. The Foreign warships present in harbour also dressed their

POOTBALL. On Saturday H.M.S. Ocean sustained severe defeat at the bands of H.M.S. Glory, The position of the different ships in the Naval League is as follows :-Goals

Played. For. Agst. Points H.M.S. Albion ...... 12 Amphitrite... 10 Ocean ..... 10 Andromeda .. 9 26 Vengeance ... Glory ..... 6 12. Canturion ... 10 20 Sirius ... ... H.M.S. Albion are the present holders of the Hongkong Challenge Shield,

74th inst. . H.M. battleships Centurion and Vengeance and the cruiser Andromeda left for Mirs Bay this morning.

The Alacrity has arrived in harbour from Mirs Bay, and in all probability will leave on

ground, Happy Valley, yesterday, between pox, having been removed to the hospital H.M.S. Albion and H.M.S Iphigenia, the ship Hygeia. This was the only case aboard Captain Pennelather, the popular commander | former winning by 8 goals to 1; This is the of the steamer, but before the Hongkong

liams was responsible for 4 goals, Petrie r. Carrie 2, and Gibson t. The Albion played to men during the second half, one player being ordered off the field by the referce, for misconduct. H.M.S. Ocean supplied the referee.

The Portuguese gunboat Din arrived from Macao to-day. She will be docked here for repairs and overhaul before proceeding to start on her return journey to Liabon.

The cruiser L'Entrecasteaux is reported to have run on a rock not marked on the chart while leaving Na-Trang Harbour in Indo-China and to have sustained severe damage to her hull. The cruiser Guicken has been, selected to replace her. "The Dibats calls attention to the weak state of the French naval forces in the Far East. The D'Assas, it says, had a lamentable voyage out, and arrived in a very damaged condition. The Descartes, after convoying torpedo-boats, reached Saigon with one engine useless. The Sully, sent unfinished, has several times narrowly escaped running aground. She will have to go into dock, but as the work cannot be done at Saigon, owing to the want of room, the cruiser must either wait or go to Hongkong. To crown everything, the Chatenurenault has now been disabled for several months. Such a situation, that journal says, is intolerable.

THE "TSAREVITCH."

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF HER INJURIES. Some interesting details are given in the Marine-Rundschau, from information obtained at first hand at Tsingtau, as to the condition of the Tsurevitch after the battle of August. The vessel was hit 13 times by Japanese 12 in. shells and twice by 8 in. shells, though at very long ranges of from 7,000 to 8,000 yards, whence the perforating power of the projectiles was small. She was perfectly battleworthy at the close of the action, and in only one case had she her armour pierced, the couning-tower, which is of to in. steel, have been perforated by a projectile which killed two officers inside it. There were four hits on her heavy gun turrets, which are of 10 in. steel, but the turrets were not put out of action or the sighting appliances damaged. There is, however, a crack in the forward turret, but this may have been produced by the discharge of the 76 rounds which the guns in it fired. Of the smaller turrets containing 6 in, guns, the after port turret was disabled by a Japanese shell, presumably of 8 in. calibre. The most interesting hit was one from a 12 in. shell under water, just below the armour belt, abreast of the foremast. This might have been expected to destroy the ship. But, as a matter of fact, it seems to have been brought up by the 2 in, inner bulkhead which the ships of the Tsarsvitch and Borodino class carry, and it only admitted 150 tons of water to the wing compartment, a quantity sufficient to affect seriously the trim of the ship. Below the armour-deck no damage whatever was done, except by the splinters of a shell which burst in the afterfunnel, and which shattered several tubes in one of the Belleville boilers. The battle of August makes it certain that in future, to obtain decisive results, it will be necessary to close to 2,000 or 3,000 yards, and to take the risk of torpedoes.

Commander R. W. Glennie has been appointed to H.M.S. Waterwitch, surveying vessel, in command, dated February 1st, 1905.

H.M.S. Sullej, which has just arrived from England to take the place of the Leviathan, leaves on Monday for a four days' cruise,

To-day being the birthday of the Emperor of Germany the warships in port fired a Royal Salute at noon. A number of members of the German community in this Colony, as well as the foreign Consuls, called with congratulations on Dr. Kruger, Consul-General for Germany, at noon.

BOLD SCHEME INDEED! The Manila Cablenews prints the following

telegram dated San Francisco, Jan. 21.;-The Japanese engineers at Port Arthur in charge of salving the Russian battleships that are now lying on the bottom in the inner harbor, have planned and are now carrying out a gigantic scheme by which the ships may be repaired where they lie and then floated by restoring the waters of the bay.

The neck or inlet to the harbour is being dammed by a sea wall; the water will be pumped from the section of the harbour isolated and the warships repaired. It has been estimated that this course would consume loss time and could be accomplished at a smaller expense than the ordinary process of patching up the sunken ships and pumping out the

> GENERAL STOBSSEL IN HONGKONG,

Shortly after noon to-day, the French mail steamer Australies entered the harbour fromthe north with General Stoessel and a large number of officers and men, who are proceeding to Russia, on parole, from Port Arthur. The Russian commander is also accompanied by his wife and six other ladies, the daughters of officers killed or wounded during the siege. Unfortunately for those aboard the steamer and for many ashore, the ship was ordered into quarantine with the result that passengers were not allowed to land, and no one permitted to go aboard. Press representatives were among the earliest alongside, but they were refused permission to mount the gangway. Besides General and Mdme. Stoessel, the steamer brought from Nagasaki the following passengers who had been at Port Arthur: Generals Reiss, Gobatorski, Nadine, Trichakoff, Savitzski, and Kotensko, Admiral Lotschinsky, and Chief Engineer of naval construction Lindelbeck, 23 officers, 125 subalterns, five non-commissioned officers, 138 privates, and Misses Nevelskow, Givavoroff and six orphans,

These passengers arrived at Nagasaki on the evening of the 12th on board of a steamer carrying 130 Russian officers and 800 men from Port Arthur. The officers now in Hongkong, not including General Stoessel, consist of Lieut. General Nadine, who was wounded in the head and arm in May, but since then has participated in several engagements as commander of 7th Siberian Divison; a Major-General, commanding the 4th Artillery Brigade. 16 field-officers, 58 company officers, 8 sergeantmajors, 1 surgeon, 3 veterinary surgeons, and t priest, there being also or men, the officers servants.

DEPARTS FOR PORT SAID.

24th inst. Pratique was granted to the French mail steamer Australien this afternoon, and the liner left for Saigon and Europe shortly after four o'clock, with the exception of Capt. Wednesday next for Canton with Admiral Sir Afanasieff, staff officer accompanying General Stoessel, the Russians aboard are proceeding on their journey, the unfortunate captain, who A Leage match took place on the naval is suffering from a severe attack of small-Excellency, Reverend Pathers, and brethron !- some time previously had received some favours | perfect posts to incoming steamers, in the way I of officers, Captain Robinson of the Sungkiang | good game throughout. For the Albion, Will taken in regard to other paster co so The

Russian's Consul was allowed to board the steamer early in the evening, and subsequently brought ashere General Stoessel and an officer of this staff with whom he dined and later escorted back to the ship.

IN SHANGHAL

On January 19th, the China Gazette publishedithe following interesting details of the Gencral's arrival off the Northern Settlement :-Shanghai was in a state on great expectancy all the morning in consequence of the arrival of th : M. M. s.s. Australien from Japan at. Woosung with General :Stoessel and his party on board,-the first of the band of heroes and heroines to reach the outer world from Port Arthur, after its long and terrible siege. At the hour of the expected arrival there were a great number of foreigners collected at the jetty, and had the distinguished soldier stepped ashore then he would have encountered cameras to right of him, cameras to left of him, cameras in front of him, for a great array of photographic apparatus was got ready by the ubiquitous snap-shotters, to record, what there was good reason for anticipating, would have been one of the most famous historical groups ever

taken in Shanghai. Prominent among the camera fiends we noticed several eager Japs, including three or four professional photographers and many more amateurs, and, mingled amongst them, several employees of the intelligence depart-

But after a long and tedious wait, when the tender eventually drew up to the jetty at 10.45, it was found, to the great disappointment of the assembled crowd, who were prepared to cheer themselves hoarse, that General Stoessel and his party were not on board. It had been decided that he would not come up to Shanghai for the present at least, but would remain on board the Australien until she sails for Europe. Madame she has brought with her, the survivors of military families and households' that for distinguished service in conflict with the were wholly wiped out at Port Arthur during its horrible ordeal of fire and steel. The meet-Russian friends here was a very touching sight, I

It was expected that the tender would arrive at the French Mail jetty about to o'clock, and that the gallant Commander of the Port Arthur garrison would come up along with the Russian high officials who had gone down to meet - him in a special tender early this morning.

These included: His Excellency M. A. Payloff, Russian Minister to Korea, General Dessino, Military Agent, Admiral Relizenstein and M. Drosemeier, representing the Russo-Chinese Bank.

General Stoessel, in accordance with Russian custom, was first of all presented by the party with bread and salt. The salt was in a silver celler, on the top of which was a silver gun; the words "To the heroic defender of Port Arthur were inscribed on the cellar itself The party was accompanied by Madame and the Misses Pessino, and several other ladies of the Russian colony in Shanghai. A beautiful bunch of flowers was presented to her in a silver parte bouquet, the man, inscri ed ribbons being passed through a massive gold papkin ring in cribed with the words: "To the herome of Port Arthur,1

Madame Stoessel, speaking of the scenes in the hospitals of Port Arthur, painted a terrible picture of their condition in the latter days of the siege when the wounded never knew whether they would be blown to pieces or die of their wounds. The lack of surgical appliances was another dreadful phase of the latter part of the siege.

Madaine Stoessel, who is looking very worn, but in fairly good spirits, expressed her high appreciation of the delicacy of the Japanese in not hoisting their flag over the forts of Port Arthur until after General Stoessel had gone on board the transport which took him to Japan,

General Stoessel, who looks careworn, with his head still swathed in a black bandage. owing to his recent wound, was dressed, when he was seen to-day on board the Australien, in the undress uniform of a Russian General. He spoke freely to his friends about his experiences of the siege generally, and among the most interesting statements which he made were the following: The greater part of the damage was done by the Japanese 11-inch guns, which destroyed nearly everything in Port Arthur. He had noth ng with which to reply to them. He could have held out in the fortress for perhaps another three or four days, but no longer. At the end he had only 5,000 men to defend a front of 28 versts (16 miles). There would thus be a little over 300 men to a mile, against an army of over 80,000, Japanese. This line the Japanese attacked constant'y on all sides. ships in the harbour were, in the first instance, damaged by the Japanese fire, but were finally blown up by the Russians, themselves in such a complete and perfect way that the Japanese can have no hope of ever raising i them. The ships are destroyed. It is entirely untrue that either the. Retvisan, Peresviet, can ever be raised again.

excellent conduct of the Japanese on their entry to take possession of Port Arthur. which he said they did in the most soldierly and businesslike manner. There was no demonstration which could be held to humiliate or make the Russians feel uncomfortable, and the utmost good order was preserved in the streets. There was no looting and all the arrangements were carried out with the utmost regularity.

Later, on we were fortunate in obtaining a brief interview with another distinguished Russian soldier, General Reiss, Chief of the Staff of the Army of Port Arthur, who came up to , Shanghai along with General Dessino his aide de camp and Captain Stepanow of the General

General Reitz, who is a fine, soldierly man, standing well over six feet in height, was dressed in civilian attire,-a light, summer, flannel suit. He added to the information kindly furnished by General Stoessel: "The the fact it still remains in the same position at Japanese had 24 of these terrible 11-inch guns, mounted in positions from which they swept the town and harbour of Port Arthur in such a way that nothing could resist their fire. The ships in the harbour were first, perforated from the and the reclamations in all'directions. Partideck by the plunging fire from these huge siege-pieces, and the ships had therefore to be destrayed by the Russians, to says them from falling into the Bands of the Japanese. The vessels were rendered quite unless. . As for the guas left in the fortresses, numbering | Standard Oilt Co., Messrs. Arnold Karberg & nearly 500, the greater part of them were rendered useless before the surrender. As for the statement of the Japanese that there were 8,000 shells left; it should the understood at once that by far the greater number of these were very small shells for the 37/millemetre suns, and of the shells for the larger; pieces we had actually only six or seven rounds for each gun left at the time of withou surrender. These shells we kept very care. fully till the end, lest the Japanese should not concede us honourable conditions, but should force us to accept unfavourable terms, in which case the fortress would never have surrendered. but would have stood out to the very last shot. The Japanese report that there were over two million carrilges left is also, rasily, capable of perfect explanation. Tratamount of ammunition, large as it seems, is not in reality more than was many times required to repel one

assault: In one assault we frequently jused between three and four million cartridges 2 so that we had not enough to withstand one really heavy assault at the time we surrendered. We had at the time of surrender 18,000 men sick and wounded in the hospitals. " As to the 1,900 horses which we still had at the moment of the surr nder, these were all required; and were not more than sufficient for shifting about guns and other heavy things from point to point within the invested area. If we had eaten them we would have been absolutely helpless, because we could no longer have moved any of our artillery or ammunition about. In the later days of the siege the soldiers had horse-meat twice a week, but on the other five days they only got flour. We had no vegetables of any kind for a very long time, and all the soldiers were suffering very much from scurvy in consequence."

The principal officers who arrived on the Austarlien to-day were: Admiral Lostchinsky, Admiral Gregorovitch and Chief Engineer of the Navy Lindbeck. These are the only high naval officers who have signed their parole and are going back to Russia. All the others elected to remain prisoners of war in Japan. The military officers who arrived included General Kostchenko, General Tretiakofi General Nadein, General Gorbatoffsky and General Savitsky. There were about 100 other officers of lesser grade who came up to Shanghai to-day, and will remain here till another steamer is found to take them. All the officers in uniform wore their swords. They were accompanied ashore by their military servants and eight or ten ladies, besides whom there are a number of women and children belonging to the soldiers. All the soldiers and their womenfolk have found temporary accommodation in the French Camp, while the officers are quartered in various hotels. The soldiers attracted a great deal of attention in town to-day as they went about the streets, many of them in Stoessel, however, may come up to-morrow. big sheepskin hats and long coats. A large She has eight little Russian orphans whom proportion of both officers and men are wounded convalescents, and many are wearing medals

lananese. The first thing that the ladies, or most o ing between the survivors of the siege and the them, did on arrival, was to go to the Russo-Chinese Bank, and thence to the shops and stores for a much needed refit. During the afternoon as the travellers in uniform and civilian garb, and of every rank, arrived at the Russo-Chinese Bank to cash their drafts, the scene in that building was a sight to remember The vast vestibule was completely crowded The total number of commissioned and noncommissioned officers who arrived by the Australien was about 235.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Macao, 22nd January.

on Friday; she relieves the Diu which will shorily be returning home from the China Station. Preparatory to the latter undertaking i the long homeward voyage, she will be going | methods in finance, it cannot be said that they | will be very little doing after the 23rd inst. over to Hongkong on the 24th just, where she will be taken in hand by the Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co. The Dist stands in need to reliable information she will be in dockyard fit to sail for Europe.

is a much smaller boat than the vessel she relieves. She has all the appearance of a tiny pleasure yacht, rather than that of the only | view, and therefore, of course, there is another | China New Year. guardship of Portugal's "Gem in the Orient

the hired transport Lindula lying in the Macao | withdrawal of our local dollars to meet the Roads. The patient was landed at Macao for momentary demand for silver dollars in China:

this time of year and the atmosphere is as moist as it has been during the past two weeks.

[From Our Correspondent.]

Canton, 21st inst. For a long time past a gang of thieves has: carried on a profitable system of robbery on some of the regular river boats plying between Hongkong and this port. Their methods include substituting passenters bexest picking. pockets and even holding up passengers while on the boat.. On ships leaving the port via the Back Reach the men will jump off the steamen at the shallow part of Honam spit and either get picked up by a sampan, which would be in the vicinity by previous arrangement, or wade exchange (avoured such re-importation, and ashore. One or two who have been caught by the officers of a steamer has received ahout Pobleda, Pallada or any of the other large ships | shrift. Only the other day anyone passing the wharves would have seen a man stark naked Madame Stoesse! paid a high tribute to the tarred from tip to toe running at top speed amidst a jeering crowd of natives. It would be needless to comment on the act especially as every steamer is met by a guard of soldiers in case of need. It appears that the gang mentioned above had a split amongst themselves four days ago One of them having cracked a crib, which was supposed to have brought in a cheque of 100 taels, a gold ring and a bag containing about \$200, refused to share the spoil with, the gang. His confières, disputed the matter and he was eventually very badly wounded in the back by a knife... His assailants decamped, and the man got a chair and ordered the coolies to go to the hospital. While on the journey be died. and when, the chair coolies found they were carrying a corpse they set the chair down on a small jetty running out into the river near the Fatshan steamer wherf and left it there with the body. It has already been there two days and although the police have been apprised of the time of writing.

IMPROVING THE PORT. No one can pass down the harbour of Canton without remarking the activity of builders cularlyois it noticable in the Back Reach Since the purchase of land and the building of enormous godown and an iron wharf by Messre. Butterfied & Swire there has been a land boom in this district. Messrs. Siemssen & Co., the Co., Sir C. P. Chater, and various big Chinese shipping firms have purchased sites on the foreshore and are-building granite bunds and intend erecting wharves for facilitating the reception of larger ships and the discharge of cargo, Messis, Arnold Karberg & Colas general agents for the Shell Transport Co; have erected another large oil tank of 4,000 tons capacity. this makes, the third tank on this, site. There is, little, doubt, that this locality, will, in the very near furture, be the centre of the cargo: traffic, and the upper reaches will be clearer.

delay, in many cases of two or three days. It ! bold the largest amount of attention and a is estimated that when the operations commenceds by Capt. W. Tyler, the Imperial Customs! Coast inspector, are completed, this will be one of the best harbours. in the south of: China.

STRAITS CURRENCY. EXPORTATION OF STRAITS DOLLARS PROHIBITED. ...

The following order by His Excellency the Governor in Council, under." The Coin Import and Export Ordinance 1903" was recently. published:-

"Whereas by Section 3. of "The Coin Import and Export Ordinance 1903," it is provided. that, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to prohibit the exportation from the Colony of such coins whether legal tender within the Colony or not, as are in such Orderspeci-

"Now.1, Sir John Anderson, Knight.Commander of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Scitlements. by virtue, of the powers, vested in me.by the said Ordinance, with the advice of the Executive Council and subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, do hereby prohibit the exportation from the Colony to any place outside. the Malay Peninsula, Netherlands . East Indies. and Borneo of the coin known as the Straits Dollar from and after the Sixteenth day of January, 1905." This more or less vaxatious if economically

beneficent Orber in Council is anot. of such serious import as, is might seem at a first glance, insomuch as .. that it only affects bankers. Owing to the war, and the advent of the Chinese New Year, there is now such a demand for silver in China that the dollar is th above par. At such a premium it, pays. to. export to China Straits dollars that can be bought at par, because, that it a per cent, premium, leaves, ample, room, for freight, and insurance as well as a fair profit besides.. The enhanced value of the dollar was not left unubserved by the local bankers, who thereupon proceeded to ship the coins to Hongkong where they could buy more sterling, exchange with them than they could do in the Straits. The premium was so small, however, that it required the tran hipment of large consignments to make the profit worth the trouble, and large shipments were accordingly made. I'wo British banks and a private firm shipped \$1,400,000 between them to Hongkong by the last German Mail, while a Netherlands concern shipped half a million. More however, and though no British bank would nev at this time. care to raise a protest against Government seems to be that it were be ter to play a level side to the question. The Colonial Treasurer: very courteously explained to-day to a repre-A case of small-pox has developed on board. sentative of the Straits Times that a heavy

would naturally be followed by a local premiumil The health of the city is normal if the cases, on the local dollar, which would necessitate of measles and small-pox that have occurred large addition to the local currency. Then, are excluded from account. It is little wonder when the value of the dollar receded in Chinathat this form of sickness should manifest itself: as it is its regular habit to do after the Chineser ing, 33 for driving, and 177 ft; crosscutting as of 2 % =\$1 per share, together \$7 per share, while the weather is so abnormally warm for New Year,-the Straits would be flooded against a total of 232 ft. for the previous four and carry forward about \$500,000. with a re-importation of its own exported; weeks. dollars which would virtually come in here at l a premuim. The Order, it will be observed. only affects the export of dollars to China, and in no way interferes with the legitimate. movements of coin for trade purposes between the Straits and the Netherlands Indies, Borneo, and other places using Straits currency. So long as the dollars are only used as bullionto be melted into sycee as soon as it reaches China-the Government has no objection to: the export; but the risk of re-importation in large quantities has to be guarded against. Much of the coin exported by the German Mail was intended for such treatment; but some, on the other ha d, was to increase bank

> chests which contained them. Another view on the subject is stated as

> would never be unpacked from the treasure

reserves in China and to liberate Mexican and

other dollars current there, during the New-

Year season. All such dollars would naturally

be re-imported to the Straits as soon as the

follows:--Among certain traders and bankers the prohibition is regarded with an unfavourable eyes With a currency confined to the diraits, the limitations of banking corporations and com mercial firms are bound to be more or less confined, is their argument, and the money, mare ket will be subject to violent fluctuations if prohibition is put upon the exporter of silver bulllon to meet outside liabilities. Should half a million pounds sterling be called for, for exampleirit would mean a sudden rise in the rate; with the dollar appreciated to as much as zir or 2/13d. . The Straits silver dollar intrinsically is of les value than the old British or Nexican currency to the extent of from one to one and a half premium paid on the latter, and if the Straits dollars is shipped in quantity, as it has been within the past few days; and the rate rises, the coin will soon find its way back here where the best value is to be obtained. For the pur rose of their trade, therefore, they want full liberty to export payments in silver, or else

a fixed exchange. In regard, to the foregoing, it is understood that:we are now on the high road to having & fixed exchange—in other words a gold standard -in the Straits .- Straits Times.

> CO: 体系体形形式 F.A.耐. YARN'MARKET!

In their report, dated 27th instant, Messrs. Cawasjee Pallanjee and Co. write: Our last inplusing tons old blanketings. was dated the 13th ins ant per steamer Malla, . Milbdutyn-3.26 tons per stamp per 24 hours. At the beginning of the fortnight the market con- lest Amalgam yields-1,602 ozz giving 341.6 cz. tinued quiet and a triffing business was effected in desirable spinnings at a decline of +t to \$t per-bale. Subsequently, owing to receipt of 74.46 % contents. favourable "dvices from Bombay, holders retired from the market and refused to sellist previous quotations. ... The firm attitude on the part of importers encouraged buyers to operate more freely and a moderate quantity of favourite superior tickets changed hands; an advance of 1) December, 1904! for the enormous passenger-traffic from Hong- | \$1 to 51 to rer bale having been established and 107 Balaries ...... kung and Macao. When the present operations | the recent loss of prices fully recovered. Were to on the barriers and) Igeneral, removal cof :: all it not for the extreme tightness of money. artificial obstructions from the river is come, amongst the natives a larger business would be pleted it is estimated by good authorities that have been put through and clearances from hirsts boats drawing from 17. to 29, feet will the able hands more asstisfactory. The market again and

to enter the harbour and not, asingmibarcomin closes quiet. Noider-Small sales at decliniord.

pelled to lighten at Whampon, thus, making a director. Newscard Nu, 121,-Have attracted to 1:

good business has been done at orabout prev Vious rates. No. 161.-Trifling sales at quotations: No. 20s .- Special desirable superior spinnings in request; medium and common unsaleable. Sales during the past fortnight comprise of about 'too bales' of No. 6s.; 2,025 bales of Not tor; 1,150 bales of No. 12s.; 425 bales of No: 16s.; 1,075 bales of No. 20s.; in all about 4,775 bales: Arrivals per steamers Simla, Lightning, Persia, and Suisang, of about 8,035 hales. Shipment to Shanghai and Northern Ports about 2,000 bales. The unsold Stock is estimated at about 30,000 bales.

Local Yarn:-At a considerable decline in values sales of 200 bales No. 101 at \$102 to Sto3 are reported: Japanese Yarn :-- Siles nil:

Exchange:-We quote to day on India at: Rs. 1491 per cent. London at 25.0 1/16d. = \$."

SHARE MARKET. Ouotations for the week close as follows:-Hongkong Banks ... ... \$720 b. £75. 10 National Banks ... ... 38 Union Insurances ... ... 700 sa. and s. China Traders ... ... 581 sa. Canton Insurances ... 250 sa. and b. Hongkong Fires ... ... 340 s. ,, 91 sa. and b. China Fires ... ... H., C. & M. Steamboats 27 8. Indo-Chinas ... ... ... 123 b. Dauglases ... ... Shell Transports... China Sugars ... ... ... 219 5. Luzons ... ... H.K. & Whampon Docks ... 210 s. Farnhams .... Tls. 1521 Hongkong Lands... ... 144.5. Hongkong Hotels ... 140 b. Humphreys Estates ... ... 12 b. China Borneos ... ... 16 s. Green Island Cements ... 29 sa. and s.

Shanghai advices, of the 23rd inst, state:-"Pref." at Tls. 48. Farnham Boyds at Tls. 150 for January. Weihaiwei Golds at \$61. Maatschappijs at Tls. 2671 cash and Tls 270

for January. I ulps at Tls. 155. Business done direct; -indo-Chinas at Tis. of for March. Farnham Boyds at Tls. 150 cash, Tls. 150 for January. Pulps at Tls. 1523 for January. Horse Baznars at Tls. 88. Astors at \$27. Shanghai Lands 6 per cent. debentures at Tls. 95%.

#### SHANGHAI FREIGHT.

In their report of the 19th sinst., Messrs Wheelock & Co. write: - The homeward freight market still remains very quiet indeed, in fact coin was about to be shipped by to-day's since last writing a steamer was put on the French Mail when the order of last night stop- | berth with no result, and actually withdrawn ped the arrangements. That Order, we may lafter a day or two, continuing on ther voyage state, had not reached the Strits Times office There is still a chance, however, that there will in the regular course of events by 11 o'clock | be a fair amount to go forward before China The gunboat Rio Limn arrived from Lisbon | to-day, so comparatively few people had then | New Year, as some of the natives will be sure heard of it. The banks were notified in time, I to unload their stocks in return for ready mo-

Coastwise :- Rates are still firm, but there look upon spasmodic le, islation, , which inter- until China. News Year has passed, when we lory reports as to damage done to the new feres with their regular exchange business, with may expect a resumption of the activity of the crop by inundations, it would be premature to injuries in the Government Civil Haspital, anything approaching cordial approval... Nei- last few months, and good rates. Coal rates of extensive overhaul and repairs. According ther dues the trader. The prevalent opinion are holding up very well, and thou, h there is not a very large demand for tonnage, there are it is generally believed and hoped that the hands for about six weeks before she will be game throughout, taking the rough with the practically no boats open, for this business. effect of the inundations is not so great as first deceased tried to escape, and in so doing met smooth as it comes, so far, as the conservation. The time charterers have almost disappeared The Rio Lima has been here before. She of our currency is concerned-pending the from the market, and are waiting at present into forward contracts except at full and high establishment of such a stable standard. Theil for two things-lower prices, and the prospect | prices and exchange having risen considerably, establishment of such a standard is nowing for the future, as judged from conditions after business is lingering at present.

#### RAUB REPORT.

The General Manager's Report for monthly : We are informed by the Secretary of thes ending 31st December, 1904, is as follows :--of prospecting work, preparedy by the Miner kong and Whampon Dack Company, Limited, Manager, shows total of 217 ft. for the period | will recommend at the forthcoming meeting a (4 weeks) under review, made up of 7 ft. sink- dividend of 12 %= \$6 per share, and a honus

New main shalt.—All work is now suspended until arrival of machinery. BUKIT KOMAN:

440 Level, Cross-Cut East.-This has been extended 26 ft., bringing the total to 37 ft. A body of mixed matter yielding a quantity of. water has been passed through. This has an average width of 20 ft., and an assay value of 1 dwt. The cross-cut is being pushed ahead to further prove the ground. GENERAL Fock and seven other Russian 'Drives have been started North and South on the most encouraging part of the lode matter. The station is now being opened out preparatory to fixing necessary timber. 1 340 Level, Nov 1 Winze South -- 1 ere 7 ft

has been sunk, making the total 57 ft. At about 50 ft: the lode narrowed and finally binched out. At 57 ft. two cross-cuts have been put off, one into the hanging wall for 6 ft. and the other into the footwall for 14 ft. Nothing. of any note has yet been struck, though in the hanging wall some quarts stringers for about 24 in, wide assay 1 to 1 dwt.

240 Level North Drive South off cross-cut from No. 1 Winge-This has been advanced 8 ft., bringing the total to 87 ft." The lode is 42' in, wide and assays 2 dwt. In the 240 Upwarps of 2,400 000 piculs of broken rice hevel itself a cross-cut is being put off to intersect this lode at that depth; 16 ft; has been 140 Level North Drive North - This has been tons.

· Inde is go in, wide and assays 3 dwt. to Level North, Drive South-Here 18 ( has been driven, averaging 5 dwt, but it shows a tendency to narrow.

indvanced 7 ff., making a total of 19 ft. The

Cross-cutting for Stopefilling :- 115 ft. of this work has been done. Stopes !- The following stopes have been yielding ore for milling:-

Above the 340 Level: 2 stopes; lode 112 in wide and worth if dwt. Above the 240 Level: 4 stopes; lode 84 in. wide and worth 44 dwt.

Above the Intermediate Level (200): I stope; lode 84 in? wide and worth 7 dwi. Plant and Machinery continue without change | infected with bubonic plague. Quarantine Separate Milling Return and Cost Sheet ac-

company this. Milling Return for 4 weeks ending 31 December 1904. Stamps, working 1-40.

Period of work :-- 28 days, less, lost; time =31 his. (1.29 days), of which to his. was due to additions to Sempam, plant and balance to clean upsiv. ore milled: -3,480 tons, all from Bt. Koman,

melted gold - 33.70%.

Bullion yield; -3.09 dwt, per ton milled -Mercury loss; -3, 16 lb, per, 100 tons milled = ar oz. bullion.

Tallings assays: - I codwt. - 25.54% contents. | died. Bullion fineness :- Average 927.7. Estimated Cost Sheet for month ending 31st

... 4,903,84 .-Development i . 1,032,357 Oro Ralsing .. .. ... Burface it ... .. 3,578.65 10,676.17 Timber fuel and charcoal ...

\$19,879.99

Cost per ton \$5.468=2.80 liwt. Estimated value of output := \$25,366.51. Expenditure on capital a/c: Plant and machinery (Cyanide) fo, 116.68 (Mine) .. ... .. (Sempain) .. .. Development New main shaft C. G. WARNFORD LOCK, General Manager. SHANGHAL SHARE REPORT,

The following resume of the week's share transactions is from Messrs. J. A. Sullivan and Co.'s report published on the 19th January :-Our market has been very quiet owing to the

want of facilities or help from the Banks. Exchange has risen and large sums have been remitted that would have been employed investments, so that in the absence of available money business is dormant. It is expected that after the Chinese accounts are adjusted that the financial pressure will be relieved, but not until then. London demand is quoted 2/9 7/16. From Hongkong the 3 days' rate is 71, but to that colony the Banks are not willing negotiators at 66t. Consols £88 5/16.

Wharves .- Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf shares have changed hands at Tls. 140 plus new issue at par. Kawloons are strong at \$112. Shipping .- Indo-Chinas have been sold at Tis. 89.881,88, Tis. 88, Tis. 88,87.871,88 for this month's account. February at Tls. co. For March clearance Tls. 91,90 have been recorded. April at Tls. 91. At these figures, there are buyers. Tugs 'ord,' have had attention at Tls 50 and 'pref.' at Tis 48.

Docks.—Farnham Boyds have suffered for want of ready cash and shares have been dealt in for prompt and the settlement at Tls. 152%, Tls. 150,148, Tls. 150. March sales have changed hands at Tls. 159,160, Tls., 1573,158 1564,160, Tls. 155, Tls. 1522, Tls. 155,156 April at Tis. 1624 and Tis. 160.

Lands.—Shanghais have been booked at Tis. 117 and Tls. 114 for cash. A final dividend of Business reported :- Tugs 'Ord.' at Tls. 50 and | 6 per cent. making 12 per cent. for the year and a bonus of 4 per cent, will be paid shortly. Hongkongs are without change,

Cottons.--Internationals have been sold a Tis: 24. Nothing else to report. Sugars.—Peraks are weak. Sales of China

Sugars have been made in Hongkong at \$219. Mining.-Chinese Engineering and Mining. -Large purchases of shares have been reported for 'bearer' scrip at Tls. 72, for the North

Tobaccos.—Sumatras have changed ownerthip at Tls. 65% and are wanted. In I angkats, cash sales have been effected at Tls. 2623 265, Tis. 265 and Tis. 270. For the approaching settlement Tis, 267 and Tis, 270 are reported March shares have been booked at Tls. 277 " ls. 280 and Tls. 2823.

In their circular, dated from Saigon on the 13th inst., Messrs, W. G. Hale & Co. report as

Old grain is now entirely exhausted and new is not yet arriving in any quantity to speak of We do not look for regular supplies until the beginning of February. Owing to contradicform a reliable opinion upon the probable yield, until the crop is actually harvested. But anticipated. Dealers are reluctant to enter

> HONGKONG DOCKS. \$7 DIVIDEND, AND BONUS.

Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co., Ltd., that; up, when the cause of the trouble was dis-The mine measurements, and, assay results; subject to audit, the Directors of the Flong-

# LOCAL AND GENERAL.

IT was the Letkington, not the Remington, which was captured by the Japanese after the

CAPTAIN Marquis Hirobata, military aide-decamp to the Emperor, died at Yotsuya of cancen on the 12th inst.

Generals who have not been paroled have been sent to Nogoya.

THE Inpanese have found some of the crew of the Varyag, who were paroled, serving in the Russian warships recently disarmed.

THE Russians have made breaches in the wallof Mukden: to facilitate their operations, notwithstanding the protests of the Chineses Government.

Two steamers arrived at Nagasaki from Dalny on the 12th, with 42 officers and 1,600 ment and 24 officers and 1,796 men, respectively, all prisoners from Port Arthur.

and rice flour were exported from aig n last year. Shipping cleared from the port during the same period represented more than 870,000 It is regarded as almost unaccountable that:

notwithstanding the monthstof fig' ting at Port Arthurs only two sub-lieutenants and 94 rank and file have been found prisoners at Port Arthur.

THE Secretaries of the Weihaiwai Gold Mining Co., Ld., announce that they have received the following, telegram :- " Dawson. Moller leaving Chungking advise immediate reconstruction. Moller."

THE Colonial Secretary has received the following telegram from H.B. M. Consul, Batavia, dated 26th inst. 1. Hongkong declared to be reduced to five days.

ACCORDING to Captain Suzuki, I. J. N., who was an eyewitness, The Sebastopole was mot blown up, but her sea-cocks were opened and she was towed out to sea and allowed to tink in twenty fathoms of water-

H.E. THE Governor has proclaimed Shanghai as a port at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails. There were 4 cases of small. pox last; week, three of which were imported from the northern settlement.

On Tuesday at about 9 o'clock, an amah employed at the Dioce an School, Bonham Strand, fell from a window in the upper storeys She was picked up and removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where she subsequently

THE Japanese are reported to have made eighteen miles of semistunnels before Port Arthur Many of these tunnels are run straight towards the forts, and then parallel tunnels were dug in which the men were sheltered and from which they kept up arteffective fire. " The digging of there tunnels is declared by Anuti: can and English experts to have been the most. remarkable engineering achievement of the presentates and application of the control of

MR. Al Hie Watts has been transferred from Tientsin to take the place of the late Mr. Fullerion in the office of the Chinese Engineer ing and Mining Co., Ld.; at Shanghai.

AT a regular of meeting of the United Mark Lodge, 419, E.C., held in the Masonic Hull, Zetal land Street, on Wednesday, Brookl., W. Wolfe, P.M., was elected Wor. Master, Brot. W. Withers, Treasurer, and Bro. J. Vanstone, Tyler, for the ensuing year.

THE German Consul-General at Simla has sent home a striking report, which shows that the Indian differential duties on sugar have practically killed German and Austrian imports into India, while Javas and British sugars. show a corresponding increase,

HUZOORA SINGH; the Indian who stole \$170 from a co-religionist at a bath-house in Wanchai. was convicted and sentenced by Mr. Hazeland to three months' hard labour. The money has so far not been received, but it is understood that the police have an idea where it is.

No less than four seconds fell to Mr. Reynell's pony Frolic at the Amoy Meeting, which must have been rather disappointing to the owner. But for an outward swerve he had one race easily. Mr. A. Michie won the Consoln's tion Stakes with Mugic. - Foochow Echo.

BENNETT Burleigh, the veteran war corresponddent of the Daily Telegraph, has arrived in Hongkong. He left Chefoo'in the C. M. s.s. Fungshun on the 18th inst., and had a fine passage down. He is looking none the worse after his adventurous cruise in the Sompson;

A "SCHOOL" of a novel description has been unearthed by the police, the special feature of which is the educating of the light-fingered celestials in the gentle-art of leger-de-main, so that they may become expert card-sharpers and swindlers. The matter is under investigation. This is evidently another indication of the advance of Western learning.

GUNNER Watson, R.G.A., was before Mr. Gomperty on Monday for a brutal assault on a coolie at Shaukiwan on Saturday. He knocked the coolie down, hurting his chest, and then "danced" on his face, bruising his forehead and splitting his lip, and cutting his check, He was fined \$20 for the assault and ordered to pay \$20 compensation to the coolie.

IOHN MICHAEL was on Monday charged. before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Magistracy. with being drunk and disorderly in Elgin Poad, Kowloon, and further with assaulting Indian constable ! o. 774. The defendant was . chasing everyone in sight, and when the constable told him to be quiet and go home, defundant struck him on the head and chest. On the first charge he was fined \$3 or 7 days, and on the second \$10 or 14 days.

On Wednesday at the Magistracy, Mr. Gompertz held an inquiry into the circumstances touch-Ing the death of Ah, Mui, a girl aged thirteen years, who fell from the verandah, of a house in Yaumati, subsequently succumbing to her The evidence showed that the police raided the house on account of information that three girls were being kept there against their will. The by misadventure, while attempting to escape from the police.

Two designdly attempts were made to wreck w me tram-cars on Des Vœux Road, West, at about ten o'clock on Tuecday. In the first an iron bolt was laid in the hollow of the rad, about eight inches long, and as car No. 20-went muse is the jar of must all the passengers to start covered. The car, after the obstruction had been removed, went on its way, only to experience a second jar at the corner of Wing Lok htreet, and there it was discovered that a row of pebbles had been laid in the hollow of the rail. No arrests were made, but Inspector. Collett has the matter under investigation.

THE following telegraphic information, dated the 16th inst, has been received from the Sumatra Director and Manager of the Mastschappy tot Mijn-Bosch-en-Landbouwexploitatio in Langkat, Ld.:-

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Kerosene made since the date of the preceding 1-monthly telegram ..... 8:,000 Kerosene shipped since the date of the ... preceding half-monthly telegram ... 70,000

Keroser e in stock at Refinery at date ... 64,000 SILVER went up 3/16d. per oz. on Thursday and the demand rate on London has touched 2s. to the dollar: It is notorious that prices in almost every store in the Colony went up by leaps and bounds when the dollar, in relation to the sovereign, depreciated in value. Now that the dollar has a higher sterling value, its purchasing power locally is not one lota the greater, Have house owners in Europe, who, through

their local agents, put up rentals on the plen of

a depreciated dollar, a few years ago, consider-

ed the iniquity of their action by maintaining rents at their abnormal intes when now-we have a \$10 sovereign against the \$12 one some time ago? AT the Civil Summary Court on Tuesday, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. T. Sercombe Smith) Yan Sze Loong sued the Tung Treung Kee for \$74.55, being money alleged to be due for work done and there was a crossaction to recover \$67,84, being alleged damage to a water tank entrusted, to plaintiffs in the first, case to repair. Mr. R. A. Harding and Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, appeared for the Yan Sze Loong, a firm of boiler and piper makers, and the Tung Tai Tseng Kee firm of contracting engineers, respectively... The last named firm were in the habit of contracting to do certain

work on steamers, and sub-contracting, with

the other firm to do certain partions of the

\$46.05 in full payment of the first claim, which

work. They now paid into Court the sum of

was refused. A large number of disputed bills were put in. A curious accident took place in Murrison Hill Road on Wednesday afternoon; by reason of which Wong Shu Lan, a furniture coolle, living at No. 13. Star Street lost his life, I It'ap. pears that at about two o'clock deceased, with a number of other coolies, was removing some furniture from the premises of Messrs. Brown, lones & Co., the undertakers, and while hauling a heavy wardrobe through the window by means of ropes; the rope on one side gave way, letting the wardrobe fall on the deceased in the rond below: The other coolies picked up the injured man and placed him in a ricksha, to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital, but he had only proceeded a short distance along the Praya East when he expired. The police on the report being made to them at No.2 Station. had the body removed to the mortuary; for examination prior to the usual inquiry. The

wardrobe was shattered beyond remain. Printed and Published by Jose Penro BRAGA, for The Hongkong Telegraph Com. pany, Limited, at the Printing Office of the Company, No. 1, Ice House Road, In the City United by Honghong

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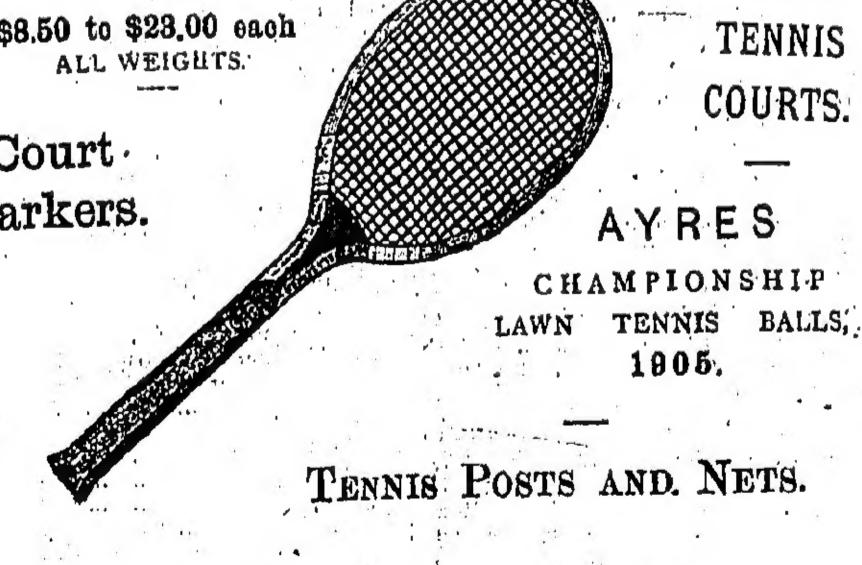
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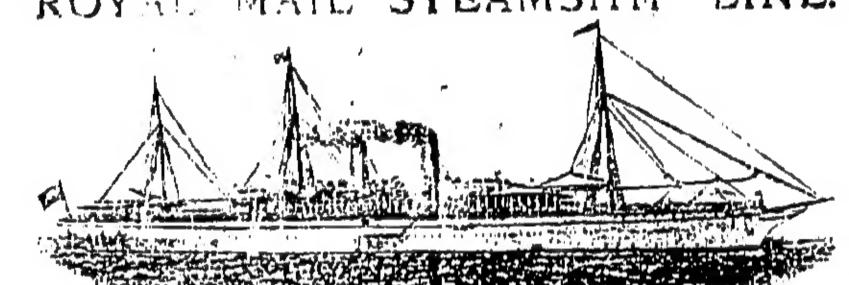
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TUBORG BEER. MOND FIRST Class PILSENER BEER guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid,

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#### Entertainment.

KOWLOON PIGEON SHOW THE KOWLOON PIGEON CLUB pro-

poses to hold a SHOW, or PIGRONS on the 6th and 7th February, 1905, at the KOWLOON HOTEL. Forms of entries, will be sent to all Members. As regards Non-Members, forms can be had on application to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. DAVID, at the Kowloon Hotel.

Entrance fee: Fifty Cents per PKNA. Prizes in MONEY and KIND will be awarded to Winners as soon as the Judge's decision is given, but BIRDS will not be removed from the Show until the evening of the 7th February when the Show closes.

Admission to the Show is free. The Public are cordially invited. Our former Shows were very popular and were visited by Sir Henry and Lady Biake who expressed themselves highly pleased with the exhibition.

The Classification of Exhibits is as follows :-I .- Pouters, Cock or Hen, any colour. III.-Jacobins, Cock or Hen, any colour.

V .- Owls, Cock or Hen, any colour, VII.-Homers, Cock or Hen, any colour.

IV,-Any Other Variety, pairs, Cock or Hen. X .- Common Pigeon, any colour, pairs, Cock XI.—Any kind of Cage Birds.

I. D. LOGAN R DAVID. Hon. Secretary.

Kowloon Hotel, 20th January, 1925.

#### Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TNFORMATION has been received from the I Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, 1905, towards the entrance to lunk Bay, as under :-

From Sywan, at ranges from 2,000 to 6,000 will be rendered for Aerated Waters. yards, commencing at 9.30 A.M. and finish-

ing at about II A.M.; From Pak-sha-wan, at ranges from 600 to 4,000, yards, on conclusion of above and From Lyemun Redoubt, at ranges from 2,000. to 6,000 yards, on conclusion of the prac- addressed to tice from Pak-sha-wan,

If the weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates. Practice will take place on the following day. All ships, junks and other vessels are to

keep clear of the range. L. BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 27th January, 1905.

IN THE MATTER OF THE OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

TOTICE is hereby given that on and efter SATURDAY, 7th January, 1905, the Lequidator is prepared to distribute a first and final Dividend of THIRTEEN CENTS per Share to those Shareholders who apply for same and deposit their Share Certificates at the Office of the Undersigned, St. George's Build- will be rendered for Aerated Waters. Will be ings, Chater Road, Hongkong.

Liquidator. Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [1403

IN THE MATTER OF THE QUEEN'S MINES, LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

OTICE is hereby given that on and after IN SATURDAY, 7th January, 1905, the Liquidator is prepared to distribute a first and final Dividend of NINE TENTHS OF ONE CENT per Share to those Shareholders who apply for same and deposit their Share Certificates at the Office of the Undersigned, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Hongkong. A. R. LOWE,

Liquidator.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904

### NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are prepared, during suspension of their [10 Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice, to Book CARGO and ISSUE BILLS OF LADING to SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVER-LAND POINTS in the UNITED STATES. and CANADA in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY FROM SEAT-TLE, as hitherto, by the Steamers of the NORTHERN PACIFIC S. S. Co., BOSTON STEAMSHIP and TOWBOAT Cos., OCEAN S. S. Co. and CHINA' MUTUAL S. N. Co.

For lurther Particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in PRINCE's BUILDINGS, First Floor, Chater Road.

B. MORI. Acting Manager,

Hongkong, 24th January, 1905.

#### Intimations.

# CIGARS

FINEST HAMBURG MADE

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\$4.00 per hundred.

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\$5.50 per hundred.

Sold in AIR-TIGHT TINS

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Hongkoug, 25th January, 1905. HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED. TOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after this date Interest at the rate of 8% per annum will be charged upon all Calls in respect of SHARES NOT FULLY PAID UP

from the day appointed for Payment of such Calls, namely 3rd January, 1905. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1905. A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

Established 1841. AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS. NOTICE

TATE beg to notify Customers that from 1st January, 1905, Separa'e Accounts

An inclusive charge will be made for Waters and Hottles, and full credit will be allowed for empties when returned.

Orders for Aerated Waters should be A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

Aerated Water Manufactory, Des Vœux Road Central. PRICE LIST:

\$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated Water Bottles when returned in good condition.

Soda Water ... ... \$1.70 Soda Water in Bombay Bottles 1.80 Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda Lemonade... ... ... ... Tonic Water ... ... ... Lithia Water ... ... ... Ginger Ale... ... 1.95 Lemon Squash... ... ... Raspberryade ... ... ... Stone Ginger Beer ... ... Hongkong, 28th December, 1904

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY. NOTICE.

TATE beg to notify Customers, that from 1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts An inclusive charge will be made for Waters and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for

empties when returned. Orders for Aerated Waters should be addressed to THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

PRICE LIST:

\$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated Water Bottles when returned in good condition. Soda Water ... .. ... \$1.70 Soda Water in Bumbay Bottles Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda 1.80 Lemonade... ... ... ... Tonic Water ... ... ... Lithia Water ... ... Ginger Ale,.. ... ...

Raspberryade ... ... ... Stone Ginger Beer ... .. ... Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. WATKINS, LIMITED.

Lemon Squash... ... ...

NOTICE. WE beg to notify Customers that from 1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts

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A. S. TUXFORD, Manager,



IV YOU HAVE A HEADACHE, DON'T TAKE DRUGS UNTIL YOU HAVE HAD YOUR EYES TESTED, FREE OF CHARGE, AT THE OFFICE OF

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Hongkong, 1st October, 1904

Intimations.

# THE YUKOHAMA DUCK CO., Ltd.

No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 514 ft. Width of entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft. Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to pump out, 4 hours.

No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of entrance, top 60.5 ft.; bottom 45.8 ft. Water on blocks, 26.5 ft. Time to pump out, 2 hours.

PHESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work, and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyds' surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with it a of any port in the world.

Telephone: Works, No. 506; General, No. 376 Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th). Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

#### D. NOMA, TATTOOER 60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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HONGKONG

TRAMWAYS.

TIME TABLE.

January, 1905, and until further notice,

KENNEDY TOWN TO CAUSEWAY BAY. (Paily).

and every 5 minutes until ... IT.OC P.M.

Kennedy Town to Causeway Bay ... 7.30 A.M.

Causeway Bay to Kennedy Town ... 6.50 A M.

KENNEDY TOWN TO RACE COURSE (Daily).

Rennedy Town to Race Course ... 7.36 A M.

CAUSEWAY BAY TO SHAUKIWAN ... (Daily).

Causeway, Bay to Shaukiwan .... 7 A.M.

Shaukiwan to auseway Bay ... ... 7.36 A.M.

MWORKMEN'S CARS. (Daily Except Sunday).

Quarry Bay to No. 2 Police Station 6.55 AM.

No. 2 Police Station to Quarry Bay 6 P.M. Kennedy Town to Central Market 655 A.M.

Central Market to Kennedy Town 6 P.M.

obtained on application to the General Manager,

Price too Tickets \$5.

c itios to the General Manager,

itt 8, 8.13, and 8 30 A.M. respectively.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1905.

Hangkong, 10th July, 1004.

THENTISTRY.

Special tickets for School Children may be

Special Cars may be arranged for on appli-

Special Race Course cars have the Honge

kong Hotel (daily except Sundays) at 6, 6.15,

and 6.30 A.M. returning from the Race Course

TSIN TING.

LATEST METHODS OF DENTISTRY.

STUDIO AT NO. 14, D'AGUILAR STREET,

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Consultation Free,

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

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J. GRAY SCOTT,

·General Manager,

and every 18 minutes until ... 10.18 P.M.

and every 18 minutes until ... 10.54 P.M.

and every 16 minutes until ... 6,00 P.M.

and every 5 minutes until

Race Course to Kennedy Town ...

and every 16 minutes until

ELECTRIC

... 10.30 P.M.

.... 6.40 P.M.

TTONGKONG CHIGH-LEVEL TRAM-WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1904.

# TIME TABLE.

#### WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. ... Every 30 minutes. 7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. . Every 10 minutes 8, o a.m. to 8,30 a m. . Every 15 minutes. 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every to minutes. 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 1245 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes. 1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m ... Every 15 minutes. 1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. . Every to minutes. 7.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 3.30 p.m. to 5 00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS. 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m.

every half hour.

5.co p.m. to 8.co p.m. ... Every to minutes.

SUNDAYS. 8,00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every 30 minutes. 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 10.30 a.m. to 11 00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

nocep.m. to 5.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes. 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes. 6 00 p.m. to 7 00 p.m ... Every 15 ininutes. 7.00 p.in. to 8.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m..., Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days. SATURDAYS.

Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Vœux Road Central. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the

General Managers. Hongkong, 29th December, 1904.

# Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late I JAMES PARK WINGATE (deceased( in our Firm ceased on 31st December, 1904. TAIT & Co.

Amoy, 1st January, 1905.

#### 17. DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG, From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. thousing, 4th June, 1904

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the THAN TERMINUS, Tel. 55.

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For Terms, &c., apply to the

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> Proprietor. H. T. SARRE. Manager,

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MODERATE PRICES.

ELECTRIC FANS

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EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.

Hougkong, 19th May, 1904.



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All the latest up-to-date Fancy Goods, Blouses, Ribbons, Chiffons, etc.

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28, QUEEN'S ROAD, OPPOSITE THE CLOCK TOWER.

We have a good Stock of our wellknown Footwear for Walking, Shooting, Tennis, Yachting,

Oricket and Golf. Hose for Cycling, Golf & Shooting. Real Pigskin Puttee Leggings and Hammond's Patent Riding Legg-

ings. Fox's Spiral Puttees in Navy and Khaki.

Hats, Caps, Shirts, Waistcoats, Underwear,

etc.

Wm. POWELL, Ld. HONGKONG!

Hongkong, 21st January, 1905.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION. HR Undersigned has received instructions to Scilly to PUBLIC AUCTION,

MONDAY. the 30th January, 1905, commencing at 11 A.M., at Nos. 522/526 Des Vœux Road West, (Hop Yick Godowns),

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED) ABOUT 17,000 BAGS FLOUR. TERMS :- Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Hongkong, 27th January, 1905.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,

T)ARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 30th day of January, 1905, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAN at Hok Un, in the Colony- of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st January,

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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MONDAY,

the 30th January, 1905, at 3 P.M., The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office, for erec-

BOOTHS AND MATSHEDS on the Government Ground adjoining the Race

Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure. TERMS :- Cash. For Plan and Conditions of Sale, apply to-

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Honekong, 23rd January, 1905,

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED.

TUESDAY, the 31st January, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:---TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BE-VELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASH-STANDS, TEAKWOOD EXPENSION TABLE, VIENNA CHAIRS. CARPETS, DOUBLE BRASS BEDSTEAD with WIRE MATTRESS, GLASS, CROC-KERY and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,

&c., . . &c. TERMS :- As unual, HUGHES & HOUGH. Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1903.

ESPECIAL OLD TOM GIN. Marshall and Elvy's

DOUBLY DISTILLED AND OF MATURED AGE.

TO BE OBTAINED FROM-

THE MUTUAL STORES Des Vœnx Road,

Hongkong, 11th May, 1904,

CEYLUNIAND THE NEW NAVAL POLICY-

Concluding an article-on-this subject the Times of Ceylon has the subjoined. We would remark, however, on this that the Indian Government has already declared against any foreign power being allowed any naval foothold in the Persian Gulf, which is practically an Indian lake, much as the Black Sea is a Russian lake. The naval question, therefore, if ever a military power or coalition of powers were to appear at the mouth of the Euphrates, does not come in to the extent of according very additional naval importance to either Bombay or Colombo. All that would be finally, settled in the Mediterranean. The quoted

portion of the article runs thus:-

Naturally in Ceylon we are chiefly concerned with the effect the change will have upon the island. There is no mention of the composition of the Eastern Group, one of the three parts of which the East Indies Squadron is to be, but although the expression is "cruiser fleet," it surely may be safe to assume that the Far Eastern waters, even under changed conditions, will not be left without the principal item of naval aggression—battleships... There is room for plenty of conjecture as to the future place Ceylon will hold in the attention of the Eastern. Group cruiser fleet. Although the headquarters will be 'Hongkong, the geographical position of Colombo must be more and more realised in view of the probability of Abbas and other outlets on the Gulf. The value of our new graving yard, when completed, will be forced upon the Admiralty, and with the abandonment of Trincomalie-a severing of a sentimental link with the past which it seems difficult to accept as a fact—the importance of Colombo is bound to increase, for our advantages are greater than those of Bombay in other. way besides geographical position.

A thoroughly interesting question which is involved is that of Ceylon's contribution to the defences of the Colony. The subject caused intense bitterness in past years, and practically the whole Colony was unanimous at one time regarding the injustice of the Home claim. We do not anticipate that there will be the same opposition from Ceylon should a proposal be made to convert a large portion of the presunt military contribution into a naval one. We want the navy, and we recognise our obligation to it, even if only as guaranteeing the security of our trade. But we have never really ngeded the British regiment in Ceylon. We shall everyone of us regret the departure of the regiment, and the Colony will be the loser of a good deal in many ways; but the fact remains that so far as the safety of Ceylon is concerned the presence of a British regiment is not necessary. The efficiency of the Volunteers, working in conjunction with the R. A. section, which will he needed to man the guns, is all that is needed in Caylon. The navy will do the rest and for this we must be prepared to pay. How the amount will be adjusted between the nary and military remains to be seen.

[As to the views in this latter paragraph there will not be general agreement.-Ed., S. F. P.J

ROBERTS, OF COURSE.

MITCHELL BEATEN BY THE GREAT CHAMPION BY 197.

No billiard match of recent years has created greater interest than that between John Roberts and W. Mitchell, which concluded on Saturday at the Argyll Hall. At both sessions the hall was again crowded...

At the close of play on Friday little difference existed between the pair, Roberts having reached his points, while Mitchell was within 39 of his. Upon resuming. Roberts proved tobe in capital form, as, after adding to to his unfinished break of 31, he put on 128 before failing at a forcing loser and, following a couple of unimportant hands, and fine break of 181, a red winning hazard bringing a termi-

Mitchell was not idle, 92 and 108 being his. visit to the table the Sheffielder did nothing. better than 22, 20, 53, 22, 40, and 52. Roberts, however, continued in his scoring mood, with.

75, 28, 212, and 68. Eventually Roberts reached to within 9 of his points, while his opponent required 180. Setting down to his work in his usual determined fashion, Mitchell played so well that he cleared off the arrears, and at the interval was still in play. The scores at this point were !-Mitchell, 19,376; Roberts, 19,158.

At the start of the evening session the leader made his full break 260, but Roberts, with 143 and 242, again got upon terms. Subsequently the old champion always had the better of the play, and with 49, 83, 58, 65, 33, 27, 22, and 57 (unfinished), to Mitchell's best of 51, 66, 57, [173 | 32, and 61, won'by 197 points. Final scores:-

John Roberts ... ... \*\* ... 20,000 W. Mitchell (rec. 5,000) . ... 19,803

COMMERCIAL YARN MARKET

In their report, dated 27th instant, Mossre, Cawasjee Pallanjee and Co. write: - Our last was dated the 13th instant per steamer, Maile. At the beginning of the fortnight the market continued quiet and a trifling business was effected in desirable spinnings at a decline of \$1 to \$11 per bale. Subsequently, owing to receipt of favourable advices from Bombay, holders retired from the market and refused to sell at previous quotations. The firm attitude on the part of importers encouraged buyers to operate more freely and a moderate quantity of favourite superior tickets changed hands ; an advance of St to \$11 per bale having been established and the recent loss of prices fully recovered. Were. it not for the extreme tightness of money [53 amongst the natives a larger business would ]

have been pat shrough, and clearances from first hands more satisfactory. The market again closes quiet. No. or. - Small sales at declining Tates in No. 104 and Noutze. Have attracted by far the largest amount of attention and a good business has been done at or about previous rates. No. 16s .- Triffing siles at quotations., No., 205, Special desirable superior spinnings in request: medium and common. unsaleable. Sales during the past fortnight comprise of about 100 bales of No. 6s.; 2,025 bales of No. 10s.; 1,150 bales of No. 12s. 425 bales of No. 16s.; 1,075 bales of No. 20s.; in all about 4,775 bales. Atrivals per steamers

Stock is estimated at about 30,000 bales. Local Yarn:-At a considerable decline in values sales of 200 bales No. 10s. at \$102 to \$103 are reported.

Simla, Lightning, Persia, and Suisang, of

about 8,035 bales. Shipment to Shanghai and

Northern Ports about 2,000 bales, The unsold

Japanese Yarn :- S les nil. Exchange:-We quote to-day on India at Rs. 149 per cent. London at 25.0 1/16d. - \$.

THE FORTNIGHTLY REPORT.

Indian yarn-Since the issue of our last report our yarn market continued quiet and a trifling business was effected, both in spot goods and to arrive, prices here and there showing a further decline of \$1 to \$2 per bale. Demand has continued to run on favourite superior tickets only, while low class threads the Persian Gulf and Middle Fast Question are still unsaleable. Sales are estimated at generally becoming acute in the next few about 4,800 bales. Shipment to Shanghai and years. German and Russian ambition is only, Northern ports about 2,000, Unsold stock is emporarily diverted from Koweit, Bunder estimated at about 30,000. Arrivals 8,025 bales. Local yarn; A heavy decline in values has induced: a small business in No. 10s. of 200 bales at \$102 to \$103

Japanese yarn-No business is reported. Raw cotton-Another drop in rates of one to two dollars per picul has resulted in the sales of 745 bales at \$23} to \$22\frac{1}{2}. Unsold stock

6,500 bales. China kinds - No business, is reported,

Quotations are \$24.to \$27. Malwa Opinm.—Sales are reported of about new 63 chests at \$1,070 to \$1,090, old 22 chests at \$1,150 to \$1,18, older 20 chests at \$1,200 to \$1,230. Stock.1,360. Uncleared stock 580. Patna Opium.—Sales are reported of about 747 chests at \$1,140 to \$1,125. Stock 2 715 chests.

Uncleared stock 1,240, Benares Opium .- Sales are reported of about 156 chests at \$1,090 to \$1,075 Stock 945 chests. Uncleared stock 575.

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Grapes ..... 9 to 14. Sandalwood ... ... ... 26 to 28 Oil ... ... 300 to 400 Sugar ... .., ... Wax... ... 30 to 33

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY the 21st January, to MONDAY, the 30th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Invest ment and Agency Co. Ldy Ceneral Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ld.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

TOTICE is hereby given that the SEVEN TEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The REGISTER OF SHARES 'of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 21st January, to MONDAY, the 30th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER. Secretary ... Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. .

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NTOTICE is hereby given that the SIX TEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904...

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY the 24th January, to MONDAY, the 30th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPE? Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld., General Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld,

Hongkong, 13th January, 1901. HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY AN-NUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vœux Road, on FRIDAY, toth February, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 11th February, 1905, both days inclusive.

John D. Humphreys & son, 🗔 General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED,

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY, MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 14th February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 31st January to the 14th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1905. HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings New Praya, on MONDAY, the 20th February 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose receiving the Report of the Directors and the Full Wine, (Brown Label)...... xr.co Statement of Accounts to the 31st December,

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February, both days inclusive,

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE. Secretary, "

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905- : [177]

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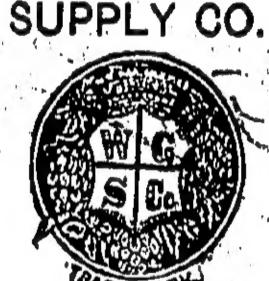
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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1904.

The Hongkong Welegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1905. THE DEFENCES OF HONGKONG.

distinguished Inspector-General of the Royal

Garrison Artillery has come East on such a

hitherto been confined to the Mediterranean,

a circumstance that appears to have led

to a little surmising whether he has been

authorised to make a report regarding the

proposal to withdraw regiments of the line

leave the defences of these stations to the

Royal Garrison Artillery. So far as the de-

fence of Ceylon is concerned such a change

might with advantage be made when con-

sideration is given to the fact that reliance

could always be placed on India in case of

an emergency for thousands of troops to be

sent over to the Island, but with regard

line regiments would necessarily involve a

considerable loss of time. Here and in China

there are at the present time five garrison

companies and one battalion, while the forces

stationed at Singapore and Ceylon are, in

each case, two garrison companies and one

battalion. Whether the surmise regarding

the withdrawal of the regiments is correct

in conjunction with it, maintain the

protection against invasion, but if it

was to suffer decisive defeat, or if it

were destroyed we should be thrown

upon the our own resources \to repel

attack. So long then as the Navy

cân be maintained invincible we should

be adequately defended, and for such a

defence no more appears to be needed

than complete naval preparation and

such military preparation as is required for

the full efficacy of the navy. Any addi-

tional military preparation such as has been

going on in Hongkong since the days of its

occupation, must be taken as against attack

of this nature, merely an insurance to cover

invasion from the mainland the military

capture of the island by a hostile fleet

or army, or even the partial destruction of

the city would mean, to most of us, ruin.

The loss of the Colony or the destruction of

its dockyards, arsenal and stores would be a

seas, and might lead, as was pointed out by

writers at home a number of years ago,

to many more serious disasters. That

Hongkong should be well and effectively

defended will be recognised on all sides,

and when some twenty years ago the

question of the defenceless state of the

Colony was raised in Council, many in-

teresting, points were brought to light in

subsequent publications. If was alleged,

as recently as 1900, that the defences,

which at one time were considered im-

pregnable, had become neglected, and were

then in an unsatisfactory condition. The

forts on the north side of the island were for

the most part -stated to be armed with

muzzle-loading guns, while those on Stone-

cutters Island were said to have been re-

moved. The south coast, it was asserted,

was entirely without protection, and in the

event of a surprise attack, might be shelled

by an enemy without being able to reply.

Of late, however, the matter has been re-

ties, and many new forts and batteries have

been, and are being crected. When these

are completed it will be necessary for the

garrison to be strengthened by artillery-

men and it may be that this has given

rise to the rumour that line regiments

here are to be replaced by the R. G. A.

The improvement of our defences how-

ever, must be a slow process; one pro-

longed over many years; and in sending out,

from time to time, such efficient officers as

Major-General Slade to inspect the progress

of the works, the War Office has shown that

it fully recognises the value and importance

of Hongkong as a British outpost in the Far

PARCEL FOST TO MACAO.

The following has been issued by the Gene-

ral Post Office, London: On and after Jan. 1,

1905, parcels will be accepted under the ordinary

conditions for transmission to Macao in China,

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£20 in value.

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[32] the possibility of a failure of the navy.

play in repelling the invaders.

from Hongkong, Singapore and Ceylon and

Among the passengers due here shortly is Major-General F. G. Slade, C.B. who has been sent out from London by H. E. the Governor has appointed Mr. George the War Department on a tour of inspec- Sim to be an Inspector of Nuisances under the tion of the defences of the various Eastern | Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896. Colonies. This is the first time that the

AMONG the passengers by the English mail steamer Coromandel, which left for home tomission his work in this connection having day, were the Rev. W. Bridie, Methodist Chaplain to the Forces, and Mrs. Bridie and family.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SATURD Y next, the 4th prox., and Monday

the 6th idem, have been declared public holi-

H.E. THE Governor has appointed Mr.

licensed steamships under 60 tons burden!

Nicholson to be a surveyor of boilers of un-

THE following names have been added to the list of authorized architects under the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903:-George John Budds Sayer, James Callaway Lowe, and Atthur Poonoo Samy

BECOMING scared about the Tsar's changes of life, members of the Stock Exchange have been effecting insurances at Lloyd's with such pertinacity that the rate has gone up to 20 guineas per cent, for twelve months. 

WE regret to state that, owing to illness, Mr. to Singapore and Hongkong the case Bruce Shepherd is unable to attend to his prois entirely different as the transport of fessional duties. Mr. G. H. Wakeman, assistant Land Officer has been appointed to act as Land Officer and Official Receiver in bank. ruptcy during Mr. Bruce Shepherd's illness, or until further notice. A Government Gasctte extraordinary was issued to this effect this

view is as interesting and instructive as any of its predecessors. This month its energetic or not, such a proposal, if carried into effect, would be of the utmost importance to this editor has dealt at length with the hemp indus-Colony. At present we rely for the safety try and copra production in the Philippines, and given reviews of the working of many of the Island on the China Squadron, and other undertakings throughout the Far East. so long as it, and the squadrons working Among the numerous illustrations are views of the Hongkong High Level Tramways. superiority at sea the fleet is a sufficient

THE January number of the Far Eastern Re-

PROGRAMME of music to be performed by the band of the 114th Mahrattas, on the New Parade Ground, on Monday next, from 4.30 to

Frulings Binzug" ......F. von Blou-"Les Dragons de Villars "..., Maillart. Selections from .... "The Flying Dutchman " ... ... Wagner, Selections from.... " H.M.S. Pinefore " ...... Sullivan. God save the King.

A TOKIO message to the Mainichi states that the Japanese submarine toapedo-boat flotilla will consist of seven vessels. Five of these are now being built at the Yokosuka Dockyard, under the command of Junior Captain Oguri, and the other two are being constructed at the Kawasaki Dockyard, Kobe, under the. although, of course, in the event of an direction of Lieutenant Miyachi. It is said that, they will be used against the Baltic Squadron, forces would have a much larger part to

THE annual Oxford and Cambridge Dinner some thirty-five persons being present. The chair was occupied by the Right Rev. Bishop Hoare, while the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., acted as-Vice Chairman. After dinner the ex-Varsity men heartily drank the health of heavy blow to English supremacy in these "the King," the only other toast being that of "The Universities" proposed by the Bishop and replied to by Mr Sharp. The band of II.M.S. Glory played a capital programme of music during the evening, a very pleasant time being spent.

> THE New Year number of the South China Collegian is a most admirable publication, full of instructive reading and interesting illustrations. In the issue Chinese students tel Europeans and Americans celebrate the dawning of a new calendar year. The Rev. Dr. Timothy Richard writes on a scheme for mission work in China, Mr. Moir Duncan on the educational outlook in Shansi, and the editors contribute several interesting articles, chief of which is one on higher Christian education in

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals :- Butterfield & Swire \$100, Punchard and Lowther \$100; J. D. Hutchison ceiv' g the attention of the military authori- & Co. \$50, Standard Oil Co. \$50, C. A. Tomes, \$50, P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. \$50, Milsui Bussan Kaisha \$50, Meyer & Co. \$50, Ahmet Rumjahn \$50, Nippon Yusen Kaisha \$50, Reuter Brocklemann & Co. \$50, Siemssen & Co. \$50, Bradley & Co. \$25, Blackhead & Co. \$25, Brit.-American Tobacco, Co. \$25, Brewer & Co. \$25, Dennys and Bowley \$25, Dodwell \$25, Arratoon V. Apcar \$25.

THE police are now investigating a " mysterious disappearance" case, and endeavouring to trace the whereabouts of Henry Ullmann, son of the proprietor of J. Ullmann and Co., jewellers, of No. 34, Queen's Road Central, and of heard from since the evening of the 24th inst., when he left the shop at the closing hour, and then apparently, for the time being, at least, "dropped out of sight." Mr. Ullmann is build, fair complexion, and had a slight, fair moustache. In height he is about five feet ten inches, and when he was last seen by anybody who knew him, was dressed in a light grey suit. 11 lbs., 4s. Via France or via France and Any information regarding his whereabouts Italy, up to 3 lbs:, 3s.; 3 lbs. to 7 lbs., 4s.; 7 lbs. would be acceptable to the police, and, no to ttlbs., 5s. Parcels may be insured up to doubt, appreciated by his friends, of whom he has many in the colony,

MURDER AND ROBBERY.

EXTRADITION CASE

At the Magistracy this morning before Mr. Gompertz, application was made by Mr. H. E. Pollack, K.C., instructed by Chief Detective Inspector Hanson, on behalf of the Chinese Government, for the extradition of Leung Tak, alias Ta Fa-min, who is wanted on the charge of murder and armed robbery in Pik Kong. village, Shin Tak district, Kwang Tung pro-Mr. John Hastings appeared for the defence.

So Tsak Man said that on the night of the and of October last, a robbery took place in his family dwelling-house at Rik Kong village, by a number of armed robbers of whom the prisoner was one. On that night he was sleeping in his room with his wife and two small sons his brother and his wife being in another room, and two servant gi waged 14 and 12 years, respectively, in a third. . t about eleven o'clock witness was awoke by a noise in the street and the subsequent breaking in of the door, and when he got up to see what the matter was, a number of robbers, armed with knives and swords, entered and the prisoner, holding a six-chambered revolver, demanded his keys and valuables. 'The robbers' then opened his locked boxes and drawers, and secured \$300 worth of jewellery, \$340 in cash, and \$120 worth of clothing. They then went into another room, and he heard his brother and his brother's wife weeping, and when he went to their room the robbers had gone, and he found in the other room his maid servant dead, with a gunshot wound in the back. That was the girl Yung Kum Choi, aged 14 years. Witness found the bullet on the 4th instant. He had heard a number of shots fired, and he found two bullets on the floor of the maid servant's room. He last saw deceased alive at bed-time, at nine o'clock that evening. Afterwards the other girl, Mak Min, became sick and died in the following month. He reported the matter to the authorities on the 3rd October, and they came to investigate affairs on the day following. He could recognise prisoner well, as he was the man who hit bim over the shins with a revolver. He had seen him before that night in the market place at Pik-Kong. He saw him more than once, and he was pointed out to him as Tai Fa-min. Witness knew prisoner as Leung Tak, because all the people in the streets called him by that name, until he heard him called Tai Fa-min. He picked prisoner out from among a number of other men at the station. Cross-examined by Mr. Hastings, witness

said that on the night of the robbery there was

no one in the house but those mentioned. His

family had lived for several generations in Pik Kong, and witness was born there. He heard that his village offered \$1,000 for the recovery of the robbers. He did not know if it was \$3,000. When he saw Tai Famin in the market he was 80 or 100 feet distant. Witness was not blind in one eye. He could read Chinese, and had good eyesight. Shown some large Chinese character ters on a board by the wall he said he could read them. That was at a distance of twentyfour feet. On the night of the occurrence he. went to bed at nine o'clock. All that day he was out on the streets, collecting money for goods sold. Among others he went to Ah took place at the Hongkong Hotel last night, Cheung, a broker, but did not get any money from him. He returned about five o'clock and had his evening meal. He did not keep a shop; he did all his business in the family house through brokers. His brother helped him in the business. When he was disturbed that night, he sat up in bed inside a mosquitocurtain. His wife and children did not hear anything and they did not get up. The street door was first banged, and then immediately afterwards he heard shots. There was then a banging at witness's door, and seeing a lot of people enter he was frightened, and hid himself at the end of the bed. His wife was also frightened and covered her head with a quilt. Two of the robbers then came up to witness and dragged him to the ground; there was a table-lamp briefly in English of their customs, and in the burning at the time. .It was a foreign-made Chinese department Mrs. Woods tells how lamp and burned kerosine oil. There were eight or ten men altogether, but he could not I see clearly how many had revolvers. There was a great noise and confusion. The other men opened everything and ransacked the place. One man who seized him had a revolver. and some had torches. He told them he had money, and one of the men struck him on the leg because he would not tell them where his money was. The robbers then left him alone. but one of them kept guard over him. He did not know that man, and would not know him becoming very manifest, and our part to the if he saw him again. He could not recognize scheme is to arrange for the financing and any of them, except the prisoner. There was so much confusion in the room, and he was so others. Lights from the torches were flashing | tory. We have every reason to hope the agreeabout, and that made it more difficult to recog-, ments that are necessary will not be long nize the others. After taking the money, delayed. iewellery and clothing mentioned, some of the men, hearing a noise in the street, left. They A TELEGRAM from Victoria (B.C.) announces did not take any notice of his wife, who remained covered up in bed all the time; the boys did not wake. Prisoner hit witness on & Co. \$25, Douglas S. S. Co. Ltd. \$75, Cawasjee the right shin, and then went to search for Palanjee & Co. \$25, Abdoolally Ebrahim & Co. | things with the others. After the robbers left he went to the front room and tound that his maid servant had been killed, and he sat down in the sitting room, when his brother, who had been taken into the streets by the robbers, returned, and told him that he had been taken away but let off, and was not harmed. His brother's wife told him her husband had been taken away by the robbers, and was going out to search for him when he noticed his maid 60, Escolta, Manila, who has not been seen or servant had been killed, and stopped to attend to her, and then his brother came in. There is only one military official in his village, Tung Kwan Tsun. Witness did not know if he had come to Hongkong. Witness went himse f to report the occurrence to the Elders, on the 3rd young man, aged about 21 years, is of slender' October. He went to the Sun tak Magistrate. on the 4th idem. Su Chi Wo, one of the Elders, wrote a petition to the Sun Tak Magistrate. He did not see the Magistrate, but sent in the petition; and was told he would come the next day to investigate. The Magistrate, whose

name is Li Chi King, ordered the constables to

were found. His brother did not search the

premises in the meantime.

The case was remanded,

TURP TOPIUS

Although the weather was a trifle cold this morning there was a large gathering on the course to watch the bi-weekly gallops. Among Those present were H.E. the Governor (Sir Matthew Nathan) and his brother, Major Nathan, Capt. Smith, A.D.C., Capt. Arbuthnot Leslie, and many ladies. The outer course was fairly wet after the heavy rains, and several owners were afraid to gallop their ponies there for fear of accident, so they took them aroun the inner course. Time-taking was rendered most difficult as ponies galloped simultaneously in bunches and others by themselves on both the inner and outer course. However, the best that could be taken are as follows :--:

Abbreviations (o) denotes outside and (i inside course. Highland Chief and Highland King, (o), 1

mile, last 1 37, 1.16, 1.56, Halifax (0), 12 mile, 35 4/5, 1.132, 1.49-1/5

2,24 3/5, 2.59 Heather King (o), 14 mile, (?), (?), 36 1.13 1/5, 1.461.

Polka and Lyra (i), 11 mile, 40, 1.171, 1.55 2.33, 3.10, 3.43. Scottish King (i), 11 mile, 431, 1.22 2/5, 1.59

2.37, 3.14 4/5, 3.51 2/5. La France Rose (i), 11 mile, 381, 1:13, 1:49, 2,241, 2,551

Marechal Niel Rose (i), 14 mile, (?), (?), 34 1.08, 1.40}; total time said to be 2.51. Ard Patrick (i), 11 mile, joined by Ca Cannie mile, 41, 1.20, 2.00 2/5, 2.38 2/5, 3.13 1/5,

Cotswold, The Duke, joined by V. W. H. (i) t mile, 37, 1.131, 1.471, 2.201.

Ledbury, Black Monday, Croome (i), 1 mile 354, 1.13, 1.49, 2.24 1/5. Fife, 1 mile, 341, 1.101, 1.451, 2.211.

Zodiac (i), i mile, (?), (?), (?), 2.23. Set (i), 4 mile, 34, 1.08, 1.421. Empress of India Rose, 1 mile, 34, 1.08, (?

Gem Rose (i), 1 mile, 36, 1.101, 1.431, 2.161 Alladin (i) 11, joined by Cake Watk (i) # mile, 40, 1,19, 1,55, 2.29 , 3.04.

Pat and Cebu (i), 11 mile, 46, 1.28, 2.08, 2.46, 3.21, 3.54.

Sport, Royal, and Highlander (o), 12 mile, 46, 1,32, 2,14, 2,54, 3,29, 4,02. Blackbird, 14 mile, last 4, 42, 1.212, 1.542.

total time given at 3.10.

Grafton and another, 14 mile, times missed. The Spirtle, 13 mile, time missed, his finish was rather loose.

The Squaler, 12 mile, 372, 1.13, time missed for the next two quarters, his last being 35%, This is a game little pony and should be watched.

Wee Macgregor and Highland Laddie, mile, 40, 1.18, 1.55, 2.31.

Titmouse, 1 mile, time missed. Nomination (i), 11 mile, 46, 1.24, 2.00, 2.37, 3.13 1/5, 3 48 4/5.

Desperation (i), 1 mile, 41, 1.19, (?), 2.33 4/5. Salem, 1 mile, 341, 1.09. Royal, 4 mile, 38, 1.17, 1.50.

Phaps and Hacken Schmidt, 4 mile, 33, 1.08, 1.43. Phaps Not and Two-step, 4 mile, 33, 1.09,

Esquimalt and Algerine (o), 12 mile; last 4,

36 1/5, 1.12, 1.49. Prairie King (o), 11 mile, total time 4.00.

2.03/2/5, 2.41, 3.18 2/5, 3.51 2/5. Jungle King (o), 11 mile, 361, 1.18, 1.571, 2.351, 3.091.

Desert King (o), 1 mile, 43, 1.22, 1.58, 2.31. .50, 2.24<del>§</del>.

Grand Llama, 11 mile, (?), (?), (?), 2.24,

Cascade, 14 mile, (?), (?), (?), (?), 3.17, 3.54. Bondelero, 12 mile, covered in 3.12.

Alarm, time missed. The Count and The Professor, times also

Ching's time and distance missed, very sorry. EARLY BIRD.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

Speaking at the sixth annual meeting of the British and Chinese Corporation (Ld.), held at the Cannon-street, Hotel, London, on Dec. 29, Mr. W. Keswick, M.P., in the chair, said: -

The Canton Railway to the Rowloon territory is receiving our active attention. The desirability of railway connection between the British colony of Hongkong and Capton is construction of the Chinese : ection from Canton to the frontier of Kowloon, where it will frightened, that he could not recognize the join a projected railway through British terri-

> that the Admiralty has given orders for wha practically amounts to the dismantling of the dockyard at Esquimalt. The stores are to be sold or shipped to Hongkong.

> > THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. J. I. Plummer, Chief Assistant of the Hongkong Obser-

On the 28th at noon. The barometer has risen generally but has fallen in the extreme north of Japan. The depression noted yesterday thas passed

into the Pacific. Gradients are rather steep upon the east coast of China and fresh NE, monsoon will prevail in the Formosa Channel. They are slight upon the south coast and moderate R. winds

may be expected in the northern part of the China Sea. Forecast Light: E. to NE. winds, overcast, search the premises and then the two bullets

N. B. Communication with Cap Rock is again' interrupted.

BENNETT BURLEIGH INTER VIEWED

THIS MORNING.

Mr. Lennett Burloigh, the Datly Telegroph's "special" at the seat of war, left to-day by the P. & O. Coromandel for home. Interviewed by a Hongkong Telegraph representative on board, Mr. Burleigh was very courteous, and gave a brief resume of his experiences and the deductions he has made from personal observation, both in Manchuria, Korea, and Japan

during the past twelve months. Mr. Burleigh was in Japan prior to the outbreak of hostilities, leaving for England in December, 1903. He had barely been home a month when Japan threw down the gage to Russia, and he received orders to forthwith proceed Eastward again as rapidly as possible. He reached Tokio in March, 1924, and added one to the number of dissatisfied and important journalists who were held captive by the unwillingness of the authorities to grant forward permits to the front.

"That was a very tedious period of waiting," said Mr. Burleigh, "and in my opinion the Japanese were unduly cautions. However, it is past now."

At length, receiving official permission, Mr. Burleigh, with some half dozen confreres; found himself attached to that portion of the Japanese army operating on the Yalu. But, here he again found cause for complaint, owing to the irksome restrictions of the censors, who absolutely refused to allow any statistical details of any kind to go through, and the correspondents were usually kept so far in the rear as to be unable to gain any intelligent idea of the nature of the operations. Tiring at length of the many difficulties that encompassed him, Mr. Burleigh decided to become a "free lance," and, severing his connection with the Mikado's forces, set to work to gether items from both belligerents. To facilitate the speedy transmission of his news, he hired a small steamer, which rendered him to a great extent independent-with what result the world already

In response to a query as to the eventual termination of the campaign, Mr. Burleigh did not care to express any opinion. "The Japanese system of organisation is magnificent," he said; "but it remains to be seen whether the financial condition of the country will be able to stand the strain now being put upon it."

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Mr. Burleigh has a most unique collection of snapshots taken by himself during his sojourn in the area of hostilities, and no doubt will have many of them reproduced in the illustrated periodicals at home. A "curio" he is taking back with him is a young bear. He expects to be back again in the course of a few months.

### SHIPPING JETSAM.

The U. S. transport Seward, having been completely overhauled at the Kowloon Docks, moved out yesterday for Manila. She was detained however by the medical authorities for the day, and thoroughly fumigated. She proceeded on her way this morning.

The new steel, screw steamer Telamon, built by Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. (Ltd.), Norman King, 11 mile, 43 2/5, 1.23 2/5, for Meisrs, Alfred Holt and Co., of Liverpool, has had her trials of speed and adjustment of compasses in Belfast Lough. In designing the Telamon, which has a gross tonnage of 1,500 tons, special consideration has been given A bunch of four ponies (i), I mile, 37, 1.131, to the requirements of the Australian trade, and she fulfils the conditions required for a Saxon King, 11 mile, 39, 1.16, 1.54 1/5, 2.33, Board of Trade passenger certificate. The five large holds into which the cargo space is divided are capable of receiving very large and bulky consignments such as are common to the general Colonial trade. The fore and after main holds have been insulated for the reception of fruit cargoes, and an efficient installation of refrigerating machinery has been fitted for the preservation of these cargoes during the homeward voyage. After a successful cruise in the Lough the Telamon proceeded to Glasgow, where she will bunker and take in cargo for her initial trip to the Colonies.

### THE SILVER MARKET.

The Silver market has presented a very interesting position for some time, and the prospects of the white metal have been more hopeful than for a long time. There has recently been a good demand from China, particularly Shanghai, due possibly to the exigencies of the war, and Continental buying for. Russian, due probably to the same cause, whilst India, under the influence of good crops, has been a free buyer. Supplies from the United States have been much less than usual, and there is now a demand for silver for the purposes of subsidiary coinage, all the Sherman Act silver being absorbed. Under the move to a gold standard in Mexico we are likely to see an absorption of the metal, for the present, rather than a free export. The position is distinctly interesting, in view of the currency changes in the Straits Settlements and Siam. A few months ago popular ideas seemed to be generally centred on a 25. dollar (monopoly value) for the Straits. With silver at 28 d. per oz. the highest price of the year, we may note - that dollar goes into . the melting pot, and the Conant in the Philippines, and the yen in Japan, are very close to the lip of it. The Straits have wisely taken the matter of fixing the value of the new dollar in a leisurely manner, and the present rise in Exchange has at least not caught them, but it scarcely simplifies the problem, unless they agree on the as, dollar and immediately take on gold as their currency—a step we hardly look for. We may repeat, however the whole position is distinctly interesting .- L. & C. Express.

### SHIPPING AND MAILS.

German (Bayern) 30th inst. Indian (Kumsang) 31st inst. German (Sachsen) and prox. German (Print Segismund) 13th prox. Canadian (Empress of Japan) 13th prox.

The a.s. Zufiro left Manila on Saturday, at to a.m., and is due here on Monday at 3 p.m.

Club, 10.30 a.m.

### TELEGRAM.

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Reuter's. The Strikes in Russia. PATERNAL PERSUASION, CURE.

LONDON, 26th January. The Cossacks on Tuseday fired on 3,000 demonstrators in Moscow, wounding many. General Trepost has posted notices, in the works ordering the workmen to return within 24 hours, failing which they will be deported to the villages. Two factories have resumed work; meanwhile the movement spreading in the provinces.

By order of the Tsar, General Trepoff and the Minister of Finance have issued proclamations, explaining to the workers that they are being exploited by self-seeking and evil-disposed persons, who have misled them and made intervention, by armed force inevitable. The Government is now, as always was, ready to listen to their just

ANOTHER CLIMB DOWN. Moscow is quiet. A proclamation of the Governor promises the fullest protection to men remaining at work. The police in Moscow have posted notices, alleging that the strike movement is due to Anglo-Japanese intrigues, and that the strikers are supported by British money. The Hon. Charles ·Hardinge, Secretary of the Embassy in St Petersburg, has protested against this calumny, and has received assurances that steps will be taken to prevent a repetition of the publication of it. The British Embassy in St. Petershurg is guarded by sentries. Notices similar to those posted in Moscow have been circulated in Odessa. St. Petersburg is returning to its normal aspect and the Government is confident that the movement is checked.

SOLDIERS BURIED ALIVE. LETTER FROM THE FRONT.

Not long since the Exening News told the story exclusively of a "Soldier of the Tzar who had escaped from Russia rather than proceed to the Far Fast to fight under the ter-

the Russian lines. The other day the dreadful assertion of this escaped Russian that Kuropatkin's soldiers are "being buried alive" when severely wounded, a statement for which the Evening News called for proof, is placed beyond doubt.

LETTER FROM BATTLEFIELD.

A Russian soldier now at the front, a copy of whose photograph is given below, has written from Mukden. I his letter has been translated, and is as follows:-

"Dear Parents,-Beg and pray to God for my death, that I shall get out of this terrible sight as I cannot bear to see it. I am sending twenty roubles and letter to give to J --- ' wife, which he is sending her, as he is now dead, if you will please give it to her; they buried the poor fellow alive.

"There was a big slaughter, and he got wounded. The bullet penetrated his lung and remained there. After the slaughter they cleared them from the battlefield, the dead and wounded. Now it is arranged that whoever is badly wounded and they know it will take some time to cure, or will remain a cripple, they bury them alive.

"NO PLACE TO PUT THEM."

"There is no place to put them and no time to attend to them; all the hospitals are full with wounded. I am sanitor (Russian for clearing the dead) in another regiment, not the same as J---'s. In the middle of taking the bodies a soldier rushed up to me-the same as myself in J---'s regiment, and said to me, \*Come at once, a friend of yours, and a countryman, wants to see you.

went to him at once about twenty (Russian) yards distant. As I came up to him ! was so shocked I lost my sight and senses for the moment; the poor fellow was on the ground in a pool of blood with a black seal on his arm, which they put on those that are to be buried.

"The poor fellow begged and prayed not to bury him alive. They cannot grant his pray ers, as they dare not do it, as he is labelled to be buried. Perhaps the Vrotch (Doctor) could help him, so I ran at once to him, and went on my knees to him and kissed his hand to come at once with me, which he did.

BEGGED DOCTOR TO SAVE HIM.

"When he (the doctor) got there, the poor fellow crawled over and kissed his feet and begged of him to save him, as he won't fall on the Government for a pension, as he feels he can be cured and will live; he begged the doctor to save him for the sake of his wife and children-let him live to see them again.

"The doctor answered 'You cannot live; you have a bullet in your lung, therefore cannot take you to the hospital, and walked

"I stood by and listened to all that ; you can imagine my feelings when the doctor walked off. The poor fellow took the twenty roubles from his pocket, and begged me to write a few lines to his wife and let her know he was dead, that she could marry again, and not remain a widow, for her children's sake. I could not listen to any more, so had to go.

"I can assure you I envy him now he dead, as he is out of the dreadful torture. would have been better off if-I had never been born to see such sights. A stone could no stand it, as that is one of many such cases.

POSTED IN SECRET. "The letter has cost me a rouble, as I have had to get it posted in secret; the Colonel reads all letters that are sent away, and I did not want this seen. . I would have written you more, but have no paper and cannot get anything for love nor money. I have not eaten for two days, as there is no food for us, and we

have no rest day or night. You can tell by my writing how my hand is shaking and trembling. "I send my love to all, as God knows whether I shall ever see you again, and this may be my last letter. Whoever can run away and escape

the war are better off. "Your loving son,

The original of this letter is absolutely authentic, and places beyond any doubt the statement made by a "Soldier of the Tsar."

"MESNEY'S Chinese Miscellancy," of the 21st inst. is to hand. It contains another lengthy | the commerce of the place that practically the instalment of the adventures of a British pioneer, the usual interesting notes, and arti- should be entirely under the control of the cles on the varieties of food in China, the Company. When he learned the position of native military service, and much other matter. | the Company and found that a very large pro-The publication is issued at Shanghai.

TANJUNG PAGAR DOCK.

THE PEPROPRIATION BILL.

SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR.

We take the following verbatim report of proceeding at a meeting of the Singapore Legislative Council held on the 20th inst. from the Strait: Times of the 21st idem :-

ing of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the acquisition by the Government of the Straits Settlements of the undertaking known as the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited, and for the management of the concern. This was a measure, he said, of vast magnitude, perhaps the most important that had ever been introduced into that Council. In the absence of any printed objects and reasons it was perhaps the duty of the mover to state them. The object of this Ordinance was to provide for the acquisition by the Government of the Straits Settlements—he thought he was prepared to say, the acquisition by the Colony-of the undertaking known as the Tanjong Pagar Bock Company in order that the Colony should in future control, itself, what was of the utmost vital importance to its commerce. The Ordinance had been drawn up so as to interfere as little as possible with the business undertaking hitherto carried on by the Company on business lines and by the most businesslike men in our midst. If hon members referred to the words of the Ordinance they would see it was drawn with the special intention of giving the new Board very free control and of leaving them untrammelled by the changes attained. For example, if reference was made to Section 22, it would be seen that the election of the chairman of the Board was left to the members themselves, and Sections 25 and 29 gave the Board the freest possible. hand in conducting and enlarging the existing business and for the appointment and liberal reatment of all their officers and employees. In the event of an agreement not being come to under Section to as to the purchase price to be paid, provisions were made following uponthe lines of the provisions of the Metropolis Water Act under which the London Water Companies were very lately expropriated. It was of course to be hoped that some just arrangement would become to under Section to without a referrible conditions which he asserted prevail in | ence to arbitration because the cost of the latter must be very great, and it would be charged on the revenue of the Board. Of course, it was understood that the undertaking must be a selfsupporting one, so it was in the interests of the whole Colony that the price paid for the undertaking should be a fair one and that the costs of transfer connected therewith should be as low as possible. He was sure the Council would give all its aid in endeavouring to effect a prompt and just settlement of the matter, which certainly was bound up with our local commerce and closely connected with the trade of this part of the Empire. (Applause.)

The Colonial Engineer seconded the motion for the first reading.

His Excellency said that, before asking the

Council to vote on the motion which had been

put before them so concisely by the hon. Colonial Secretary, he thought it desirable that he should put them in possession of some of what they might call the secret history of the last few months, and of the objects and motives which had influenced the Government in coming to the decision which was embodied in the measure he was submitting to them. There could be no question of the importance to the Colony, not only in its present position but still more with regard to its future, of the business conducted by the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company. When he arrived here some nine months ago or thereby one of the earliest papers submitted to him was an application from the Company for the loan from the Federated Malay States, possessing a large balance, of \$10,000,000 and a rate of interest of three per cent. At first sight he was inclined to inquire why the Federated Malay States Government should lend money to the Tanjong Pagar Dock Company at a lower rate of interest than it was receiving on investments and what claim the Company had on that Government at all. He did not raise that question because it appeared to him obvious that the interests of the Federated Malay States in the shipping facilities of Singapore were almost as close as they of the subject and discussion with his predecesare for Singapore itself, and therefore he decided to examine the position as carefully as he could and in every direction and see whether the proposition put before him was a proposition which he could regard as in the best interests of the Colony and of the Federated Malay States. After looking round and seeing what the position of the Company was, the extraordinary strength of its hold upon what one might call the available wharfage of this Colony, with the exception of a very small part at Teluk Blangah, the part occupied by the P. and O. Company and other parts around St, James's, he found that the whole foreshore which was available or might be available for the accommodation of large oceangoing steamers was in possession of Tanjong Pagar ing the parts he had mentioned, perhaps, on

Company. It was quite true that by reclaimthe other side, they might have afforded some facilities for bunkering and also facilities for landing and despatching goods, but the fact was very ohvious even to one taking a fresh view of the question that the Company's posttion was a very strong one indeed and that to all intents and purposes the whole oceangoing shipping which touched at Singapore was subject to the control, really as far as its access to Singapore was concerned, of this Company, It appeared to him that this was a position which, however well it might have worked in the past, was one which there was no guarantee would always work equally in the future, and Managing Director had submitted to the Board that it was very underigable in the interests of

whole shipping facilities for larger steamers

portion of its capital-more than two-thirds, more

like three-fourths-was held not in the Colony but in London, it appeared to him, if any question were to arise between the community and the shipping interests of Singapore and this Company, that in order for the voice of Singapore to make itself heard respectably it had to convince not Singapore but London. That appeared to him to be a very serious position. He did not say or imply at all any complaint against the management of the Company hitherto. On the contrary, he thought they The Colonial Secretary moved the first readwould all agree with him that the extraordinary enterprise and foresight of the directors of the Company deserved the fullest reward from Singapore, and he was glad to see from what he could learn that they had already reaped a very substantial reward. (Hear, hear). On this review of the situation it appeared to him that the opportunity presented by this application of the Company for the Government to obtain such control of the policy pursued by the Company in the future as to enable it to secure if necessary the interests of the port, was an object which was good for the Government or perhaps the Federated Malay States incurring some sacrifice. He discussed the matter a some length with the Managing Director of the Company, through whose courtesy and readiness to place everything at his disposa he was very much indebted, and after weighing the matter as fully as possible he submitted to the Secretary of State the proposals which hon. members would find briefly summarised in the despatch which had been laid on the table that afternoon, In fact, he had received permission only that morning to lay that despatch, which

was a confidential one, before the Council. The proposals which he submitted to the Secretary of State in the despatch were briefly that the Government of the Straits Settlements and of the Federated States should take up 18,000 fresh shares in the Company. The Company under its present Atticles had power to issue more shares and he suggested that they should be asked to issue another 18,000 and that the Government of the Federated Malay States and the Colony should take up | London quotation is £75.10. Nationals have these shares between them at a price which he mentioned as a fair price—a generous price he even thought—namely \$200 a share. Further, that the two Governments should either guarantee or lend to the Company the further sums required for the extension of its works, \$583. Yangtszes are quoted at \$155. amounting, as he then estimated, to some \$8,000,000. In return for this and in order to secure the main obejet which he had in view, he asked that the Company should concede to the Government the right of vetoing on the appointment of its directors and the right of veto with regard to the members of the London Committee; also the right to nominate two members of the Board in London. Further, that the Articles of Association should be amended in respect of the provisions which required the previous approval of the London Committee to any expenditure of over \$5,000, and which limited the voting power of large shareholders. That last suggestion had already been given effect to by the Company. Further that the previous approval of the Governor should be necessary for any increase on the charges of shipping and the warehousing and handling of goods, and for the distribution of audit, the directors of this company will recomany dividend. As he had mentioned the information he gathered was that the number of shares in the Company which were held in per cent (\$1 per share), altogether \$7 per share Singapore was somewhere about 10,000, and and carry forward about half a million dollars, with the 18,000 which he desired the Govern- Farnhams are in demand at Tls. 152 and ment to acquire it would have transferred the business has been done forward at slightly bulk or the majority of the voting power in the more than the equivalent rates for cash. Kow-Company from London to Singapore. He considered that if a matter on which the Government, the public of Singapore, found it neces-. sary to differ from the Company was sufficiently serious-if the Government and the public of Singapore spoke unanimously on the ques-

vernment interference with the management, as at the time he did not see how Government could take over the concern without such interference on the part of the Government, and without running it in all its ways as a Government department he was very much opposed to any idea of that sort and he expressed himself to that effect. When his proposals were received by the sor and others who were aware of the circumstances of Singapore and its needs decided to approach the London Committee with whom the control in this matter, as they knew, really rested. Accordingly the Secretary of State addressed to them a letter which would be found in the paper which had just been laid before them and invited them to say whether it had been finally decided to carry out the contemplated extensions and improvements and if so within what period and beginning at what date. what was the sum which the Directors of the Company had come to the conclusion must be borrowed for this purpose, and whether the Directors would welcome Government assistance in the matter of raising money; and he concluded by inviting the Committee if they wanted to open up negotiations to come to an interview at the Colonial Office. He might say that when the application for \$10,000,000 was made in the first instance proposals were then before the Company by its Consulting Engineer for the renewal of practically the whole of its wharfage in a permanent form. The existing wharves, as they were all aware, were wooden structures, and in a climate like this wooden structures were of course very temporary, even the best of them, and constantly required renewal, and that constant renewal must mean very large interference with the ordinary business of the Company, for if you were repairing a wharf, naturally the use you could make of it must be very limited; and the Company's

tion-they would be able to make their views

effective by the fact that the majority of the

share capital was held in Singapore. He was

very n uch averse indeed to anything like Go-

ment to provided the other \$10,000,000. (To be continued.)

a scheme, ably conceived, for the renewal of

the whole of wharfage and also providing for

very considerable extensions. The estimated

cost of these extensions, was he believed,

\$12,000,000, of which the Company were to

provide \$2,000,000, and they asked the Govern-

HUNGKONG REGATIA.

SAILING RACES.

The following races, with starting times, have been fixed definitely for the 6th prox. 1. English Rigged Cruisers (The Governor's Cup), to a.m.

2. Chinese Rigged Cruisers (Commodore's Cup), 10.15 a.m.

. 3. "China Mail" Cup, for Corinthian Yacht

4. Yachts between 26 and 20 feet linear rat-

ROWING. The races fixed for the 11th prox. are as

follows :-A. I p.m.-Local Gig Pairs.

B. 1.30 p.m .- Interport Fours. C: 2 p.m.-Men O' War Gigs and Whalers.

D. 2.30 p.m.—Junior Fours.

E. 3 p.m.-Men O' War Cutters. F. 3.30 p.m.—Governor's Challenge Cup.

G. 4 p.m.—Interport Pairs. H. 4.30 p.m.-Officers of Fleet, Gigs and

Whalers. I. 5 p m .- Tub Sculls.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

In their report of 27th inst., Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly & Potts write:-Owing to adverse conditions, as mentioned in our last circular, still prevailing, the volume of business transacted during the week under review, has again been small. An improvement, however, is anticipated to set in after the China New

Banks.-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have further improved their position after sales at \$715 and are now in demand at \$720. The been done at \$38.

Year holidays.

Marine Insurances.-Unions have been negotiated at \$700. Cantons continue in request at \$250. China Traders after having been done at \$58 close steady with sales at

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are quiet at \$340. China Fires are unchanged with buyers at \$gr.

Shipping.-Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are weaker with sellers at \$27. Indo-Chinas, have been done at \$124, \$1241, with equivalent rates forward. At the close however, the market is quieter with probable sellers at \$124. Star Ferries are unchanged at \$18 for the old and \$29 for the new issue.

Refineries.-China Sugars are quiet at the quotation of \$219. Luzons are wanted at \$20. Mining.-Chinese Engineerings, after sales at Tls. 7.70, close weaker with sellers at Tls. 7.50. Orientals have been done at G. \$183.

Raubs are unchanged at \$31. Docks, Wharfs and Godowns, -Docks have further depreciated to \$210 and are to be had at this rate. It is stated that, subject to mend at the forthcoming meeting a dividend of 12 per cent (\$6 per share), and a bonus of 2 loon Wharfs are steady at quotations of \$1041 for the old and \$102 for the new issue. Hongkew Wharfs are firmer after sales at Tis. 1294 and close with buyers at Tis,' 130.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings,-Hongkong Lands have further declined to \$144, but remain without business. Shanghai Lands have advanced to Tis. 115. Hongkong Hotels have been sold at \$140. Humphreys' Estate have been done at \$121, \$121 and 112.60.

Cotton Mills.—Hongwong Cottons have been dealt in at \$13, but close weaker. Ewos are quated at Tis. 25 sales, international at Tis, 24 sales, and Soychees at Tis. 160 sellers for old

Cigar Companies. - Sumatras continue in demand at the improved rate of Tis. 67.

Miscel aneous.—Green Islands are quiet at tion of Secretary of State he after long consideration \$29. Watsons have been dealt with in small lots at \$121. China Borneos have been negotiated at advancing rates from \$13 to \$16 closing with sellers at the latter rate. Langkats are steady at 11s 270.

### To-day's Advertisements.

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S. A. NORONHA. Macao Agent, Hongkong, and September, 1904,

YUK ON & Co., LD.

### To-day's Advertisements.

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Business Manager. Hongkong, 28th January, 1905.

HONGKUNG REGATIA.

NOTICE.

INTENDING COMPETITORS in the HONGKONG REGATTA are reminded that ENTRIES should be sent in on or before February 1st to the Hon. Secretary,

E. R. HALLIFAX, Central Station. Hergkong, 28th January, 1905.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

DARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 7th day of February, 1905 at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Seven Lots of CROWN LAND at Cheung Kwan O, in the New Territory of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING for one further term of 75 years, if competent for the Colonial Government so to make it.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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PUBLIC AUCTION. 'HE Undersigned will Let by Public Auction,

MONDAY, the 30th January, 1905, at 4 P.M., on the Spot. The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan

to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office, for erec-

BOOTHS AND MATSHEDS on the Government Ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

For Plan and Conditions of Sale, apply to-HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1905.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

TERMS :- Cash.

"CHUSAN," ... FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND, STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed. This vessel brings on Cargo:-From London, &c., ex S.S. Mongolia. From Australia, ex S.S. Victoria.

From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before I P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd proximo, at No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees! and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. ...... No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

B. A. HEWETT. Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1905,

#### To-day's Advertisement.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED. THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on MONDAY, 13th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to

31st December, 1904, and the Report of the General Managers. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 13th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 28th January, 1905.

Intimations.

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[186] HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, HANKOW. Hongkong, 7th January, 1905.





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"PINGSUEY" ..... 6th March. all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, vid NAGASAKI, KUBE and YOKOHAMA) For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1945

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SHEWAN, TOMES & GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1905

#### ASIATIC STEAMSHIP AMERICAN COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL (With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS. Steamship

"RAS ISSA" .....30th January, 1905. For Freight and further information, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Agents. Hongkong, 6th January, 1905.

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Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING. at 9 P.M. and returning from Canton every following evening at 5 R.M.

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The steamer's wharf is at the Western end

of Wing Lok Street. YUK ON S.S. Co., LD., No. 216, Wing Lok Street,

WENDT & Co., Canton Agents. Hongkong, 24th June, 1904

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE:

s.s. "WING CHAI," Captain T. Austin, R.N.R.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong on Week Dave, at 8 A.M. and on Sundays at 8.30 A.M. Departs from Macao on Weeks Days at 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M. FARES:-Week Days, 1st Class, including Cabin and servant, Single \$3; Return Ticket, \$5; and Class, \$1; 3rd Class, to cents...

Every Sunday will be an Excursion, at the following rates :- 1st and 2nd Class, Single Ticket, \$1 ; Return, \$2; 3rd Class, Single, 30 cents, Return, 50 cents; Steerage, 10 cents,
TIFFIN and DINNER can, be supplied

either on Board, or at the Macao Hotel, for returning passengers only, at an extra charge

On Sundays, passengers desiring to have a Private Cabin which has, accommodation for two or more passengers, will be charged \$3

First Class Passengers, who do not care to return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed to do so the following day (Monday) on production of the Return Half Ticket. Should the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given by the Captain, and the Half Ticket will be available for the following day.

The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity. The Steamer's wharf at Hongkong is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON & Co., and Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street. Hungkeng, 5th November, 1904.

#### RECULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL. (With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast). PROPOSED SAILINGS TROM HONGKONG,

"GHAZEE".....30th Jan, 1905. "SATSUMA" ......toth Feb., "

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DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, · Agents. Hongkpog, rest January, 1905.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR-SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, (Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelalde, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EMPIRE,"

Captain Helms, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 8th February, at Noon. This well-known Breamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, etc., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light. appointed hour. A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon

are carried. days of the steamer's arrival here after which N.B.-To assure the additional comfort of date they cannot be recognized. passengers the steamers of the Company bave. electric fans fitted in staterooms. have left the Godowns, For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1905.

Shipping—Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

"SUISANG."

Captain . F. Wheeler, will be despatched as

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

FOR SHANGHAI AND CHIN-WAN-TAO.

(Taking Cargo through to Tientsin).

will be despatched on 1st February, at 11 A.M.

Consignees.

"BEN MLINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENVORLICH,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND

STRAITS.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby

informed that all Goods are being landed

at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,

whence and/or from the wharves delivery may

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods unde-

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All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are

proximo, or they will not be recognized.

examined on the 2nd proximo, at 11.A.M.

No Fire Insufance has been effected.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP "ST. FILLANS,"

FROM NEW YORK.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed

that all Goods are being landed at their

risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and

Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

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All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Undersigned on or before the

5th proximo, or they will not be recognized.

examined on the 30th instant at 3 P.M.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1905.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

AND SINGAPORE.

"ALESIA,"

Captain Bachs, having arrived from the

above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

requested to send in their Bills of Lading for

countersignature by the Undersigned and to

take immediate delivery of their goods from

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice

landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited

and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

examined on the 30th instant, at 3 P.M.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1954;

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"FORMOSA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,

PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS,

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are being landed and placed at their risk in the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary before

Goods not cleared by the 30th instant, at

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

Damaged Packages must be left in the

All Claims must be presented within ten

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Godowns for examination by the Consignees'

and the Company's representative at an

From London, &c., ex S.S. Arabia.

the Goods are landed.

P.M., TO-DAY.

any case whatever.

This vessel brings on Cargo :-

4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

Hongkong, sard January, 1905,

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

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subject to rental to a

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905.

"OPLAND"

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Agents.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

HE Company's Steamship

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, 24th January, 1905.

THE Steamship

be obtained.

Consignees.

S.S. "POLYNESIEN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. Crimte and Dordogne, from Havre ex s.s. Crimte, from Bordeaux ex s.s. Ville de Roshove, on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at chesors and Ville de Constantin, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium.
Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored, at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after 1st February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 1st February, or they will not be recognised. All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. BRIDOU, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1995.

"INDRA" LINE OF STEAMERS. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK. THE Company's Steamship.

"INDRAPURA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the

goods are landed. sented to the Undersigned on or before the 9th Goods not cleared by the 1st February, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company, within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, 26th January, 1975

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM ANTWERP AND LONDON.

THE Steamship "RADNORSHIRE."

Captain J. M. Haffner, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong, and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining to be left in the Godowns, where they will be undelivered after the 1st February will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged, Goods are

> examined on the 1st February, at 2.30 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, PENANG Agents. Hongkong, 26th January, 1905.

> DOSTON TOWBOAT COMPANY. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES:

STEAMSHIP"LYRA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-HAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be The above, Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

from alongside. have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel ing undelivered after the 30th instant will be will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged. Goods are No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in to be left in the Godowns, where they will be any case whatever. DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Hongkong, 21st January, 1905.

E. BLACKHEAD & CO., SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS COAL AND PROVISION MER-CHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTOR! AND GENERAL COMMISSION Consignees of Cargo by the above-named

AGENTS, 16, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG, ...

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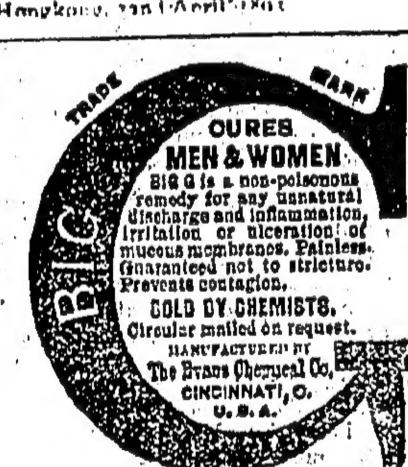
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who are taught by the Sisters. . Hangkone, can t-April 1980 t



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Yangtsze, Br. ss. 4,149, W. C. Lycett, 27th Jan,-Seattle and Tacoma, &c. 22nd Dec., Gen. -B. & S. China, Aust. s.s., 3,855, Geneul, 27th Jan.,--Moji 23rd Jan., Gen. S., W. & Co.

Chupra, Br. s.s., 1,436, Cammock, 27th Jan.,-Bangkok 20th Jan., Teak.-J., M. & Co. Telemachus, Br. s s., 1,540, J. Williamson, 27th Jan,-Saigon 23rd Jan, Ballast.-Wo Fat

Chusan, Br. s.s., 2,852, H. W. Kenrick, 28th Jan,-Bombay 11th Jan, and Singapore 23rd, Mails and Gen.-P. & O. S. N. Co. Hinsang, Br. s.s., 1,536, D. E. Sawer, 28th Jan., -Hongay 26th Inn., Coal.-J., M. & Co. Triumph, Ger. s.s., 769, A. Hansen, 28th Jan. -Foochow via Amoy and Swatow 27th

Jan., Gen.-O. S K Ghazee, Br. s.s., 3,242, D. S. Bailey, 28th Jan. -Foochow 26th Jan., Gen.-D. & Co., Ld.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Samsen, for Swatow. Frithiof, for Swatow. San Cheong, for Canton Yingking, for Canton. Awongchow, for Canton. Rajaburi, for Pakhoi Haimun, for Swatow. Shun Lee, for West River, Radnorshire, for Shanghai. Loongmoon, for Shanghai. Pak Kong, for West River. Decima, for Swatow. Charles Hardouin, for Canton Jacob Diederichsen, for Hoihow. Gaelic, for Batavia. Oceano, for Nagasaki. Yiksang, for Swatow. Wingchai, for Macao. Chan On, for West River. San Ui, for West River.

> Baparteres. Jan. 28. Coromandel, for Europe. Rubi, for Manila. Benvorlich, for Nagasaki. Charterhouse, for Swatow. Helene, for Swatow. Haimun, for Coast Ports. Prinzesse Marie, for Singapore. Highlander, for Kobe. Opland, for Canton. Chusan, for Shanghai. Radnorshire, io Shanghai, &c. Indrapura, for Shanghai. Hong Wan I, for Amoy. Decima, for Swatow. Loongmoon, for Shanghai. Samsen, for Bangkok.

#### Passengers arrived.

- Per Chusan, for Hongkong from Colombo-Mr. S. Houghton. From London-Mrs. Taylor and 2 infants, Capt. G. F. Muller, I.t.-Col. C. A. Belford, Dr. J. Jones, Gant. L., Mrs. and Miss Mackenzie, R.N. From Gibraltar-Messrs. A. S. M. Duque and A. C. Saccadura. From Marseilles-Miss Turner, and Mr I. Salvador, From Singapore - Messrs. C. M. Phillip, S. L. Cowan, J. L. Rouston, G. A. Irwin, P. Roza, A. . - F. Castilho, and 2 Stampers. For Shanghai from London-Rev. and Mrs. G. A., Clayton and 2 infants, Dr. W. A. Tatchell, Misses W Protheroe, K. Wheatley, G. Markwich, and Sergt, S. J. Webster. From Marseilles-Mr. A. Wide, Mr. and Mrs J. Simons, and Mr. ] Michel. From Singa ore-Mesers. Bum Su Yak, T. R. Calbert and W. Hawkins. For Yokohama from Marseilles-Mr. Lancelot Gregson. From Port Said-Mr. D. R. Fried-

Per Telemachus, from Saigon-Capt. Vidal and Mr. Perez.

### Passengers departed.

Per Loongsang, for Manila-Mesers, Samuel Rebarber, P. Van Grennir gen, Mrs. Oedjoe, Rev. Geo. J. Silami, Messrs. Chas. McLane, P. E. O. Bird, A. H. Crook, Linz G. Azoala, - & Mariano Pizarro, C Yonetsu and Wong Man

Per Rubl, for Manila-Mr. and Mrs. B Abelle, Miss L. Abella, Mr. C. Mauris, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Le Vionnois, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Neis, Messre, H. S. Chverton, R. S. Mac-Dougall and F. Fujivara.

### Shipping Report.

Str. Yangisse from Sentile :- Fair passage across Pacific, good weather to leaving Shanghai, thick fog from Hieshan to Tung Yung, heavy rain, thunder and lightning between Lamocks and Breaker Points, strong current down Formosa Channel.

### Vessels in Port.

STRAMERS. Agincourt, Br. s.s., 2,876. Worsnop, 3rd Oct.,-Hainan 1st Oct., Ballast.-Order. Björnstjein Bjornsan, Nor. s.s., 736, C. Olsen, 24th Jan, Sourabaya 14th Jan, Gen.

Thoresen & Co. Empress of India, Br. s.s., 3,032, O. P. Marshall, R.N.R, 18th Jan, -Vancouver, (R.C.) 26th Dec., and Shanghai 15th Jan., Mails

and Gen.-C. P. R. Co. Gaelic, Br. s.s., 2,691, W. Finch, R.N.R., 18th Jan,-San Francisco 13th Dec., Honolulu 20th, Yokohama 5th Jan., Kobe 7th, Nagasaki oth, and Munila 16th, Mails and Gen. - -O. & O. S. S. Co.

Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 22nd Jan., -Foochow 19th Jan., Amoy 20th, and Swatow 21st, Gen.-D., L. & Co. Hohnstein, Ger. s.s., 1,275, H. Hamer, 18th Jan.,-Sourabaya 7th Jan., Sugar.-L., W. 11 A.M.

Hub, Fr. s.s., 705, Godineau, 27th Nov.,-Haiphong and Hoihow 26th Nov., Gen .-

A. R. M. Indravelli, Br. s.s., 3,215. S. Cullington, 28th

-Hoito 23rd Jan., Gen.-B. & S. Katharine Park, Br. s.s., 4,075, W. H. Capp, 12th Jan.,-Sasebo (Japan) 8th Jan., Light.

-G. 1. & Co. Kohsichang, Ger. s s., 1,292, C. Gosewich, 26th Jan, -Bangkok 19th Jan, Gen, -B,

Oceano, Br. s.s., 3:050, F. W. Davies, 26th Jan., -Delagon Bay, 25th Jan., Coals.-H A.

Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787. J. T. Davies, 21st Jan., -Java 12th Jan., Sugar.-J., M. & Co. Pschan, Ger. s.s., 2,104, L. Uneke, 26th Jan.,-Moji 21st Jan., Coal.-J. & Co.

Rajaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,056, G. Wendig, 25th Jan - Swatow 24th Jan., Gen .- B. & S. Beaward, U.S. transport, 350, Croskey, 28th Dec.-Manila 24th Dec.

Suisang, Br. s.s., 1,776, F. Wheeler, 24th Jan, -Calcutta 8th Jan., Penang and Singapore 17th, Gen.-J., M, & Co. Taming, Br. s.s., 1,350, A. W. Quterbridge, 27th Jan.,-Manila 24th Ian., Gen.-B, & S.

Yiksang, Br. s.s., 1,236, W. D. Welsh, 27th Jan.,-Canton 26th Jan., Gen.-J., M. & Nuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 21st

Jan. - Manila and Amoy 20th Jan., Gon. --J., M. & Co.

SAILING VEHRELS. Forrest Hall, Br. ship, 1,991, P. A. Logan, 14th Jan.,-New York 7th Aug., 1904, Petroleum.

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. Waldemar	Moji	M. & Co	Feb. 1	
achsen	Singapore.	M. & Co	Feb. 2	1
rabia	Portland	P. & A. Co	Feb. 8	1
Emp. of Japan.	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co	Feb., 13	
. Segismund	Sydney	M. & Co	Feb. 13	

Hongkong & Whampon Dock Returns. Hué ..... at Kowloon Dock H.M.S. Moorhen..... Yuensang ..... Dia ..... Hellas ..... Haitan \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Katharine Parke ...... Tsingtau ..... Empress of India ... Eliz Rickmers..... Hongkong ..... Kwong Tung ...... Kansu Fuk Po..... Aberdeen

Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward - 23rd December - Heathburn, Machaon. 27th December-Easty Abbey, Benvorlich. 30th December-Albenya, Romulus. 4th January-Glenfarg, Benalder, Pak Ling, Macduff. 7th January - Shuntien, Egremont, Stentor, Dalmeny, Baron, Valetta. 10th January-Beniedi, Indrawadi, Charente, Rhenama, Merionethshire, Ithaka, Sundhierst, Knight of St. George, Kennebec. 13th January-Japan. Calcdonien, Patroclus, Swasi. 17th January-Prometheus, Scandia, Greenwich. 24th January-Candia, Flinishire, Malacca, Princess Alice, Stephan. 27th January-Irmgardhorn, Oceanien, Mennett, Montrose.

Bomeward-toth January-Jason, Telemachus, Segovia. 24th Jonuary-Nubia, Senegambia. 27th January-Selsdon, Calchas, Seydlitz, Suevia.

Arrivals at Home-23rd December-Hindustan. 27th December-Manila, Machaon, Print Regent Luitpold 4th January-Kaisow. 10th January - Brisgavia, Claverburn, Jason, Slavonia. 13th January-Agamemnon, Heath-Rien, Preussen, Tourane. 17th January-Pera. 24th January-Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Fallodon Hall, Ceylon.

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A Mail will close for !-

Macao-Per Wingchai, 29th Jan, 8 A.M. Namiao Per Taichun, 29th Jan., 9 A.M. Sanbue-Per Hol Fu, 29th Jan. 9 A.M. Canton-Per Powan, 29th Inn. 9 A M. Pakhoi-Per Rojahuri, 20th Jan., 9 AM. Canton-Per Hankow, 30th Jan., 7.30 A.M. Macao-Per Wingchai, 30th Jan, 7.30 A.M. Macno-Per Beungshan, 30th Jan., 1.15 P.M. Straits and Rangoon -- Pro China, 30th Jan.,

Canton-Per Fatshan, 30th Jan., 5 P.M. Namtao-Per Tatchien, 30th Jan., 5 P.M. Sanbue-Per Hai Fu. 30th Jan., 5 P.M. Macao-Per Wingchest, 31st Jan., 7.30 A.M. Canton-Per Kinsham, 31st Jan., 7.30 A.M. Macao-Per Heungshan, 31st Jan., 1.15 P.M. Singapore, Penang and Calcutta - Per Suisang, 31st Jan., 2 P.M.

Manila-Per Taming, 31st Jan., 3 P.M. Singapore and Penang-Per Sithenia, 31st Namtao-Per Telchue, 31st Jan., 5 P.M.

Sanbue-Per 'm I'm, 31st fan . 5 P.M. Macan-Per Wingchn:, 1st Feb. 7.30 A.M. Chin-wan-tao, Shanghai and Tientsin-Per Opland, 18t Feb., 10 ....

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Feb., 11 A.M. Nin: po and Shanghai-Per Hunan, 2nd Feb., 3 P.M. Frederich, Wilhelmshafen, Herbertshohe,

Matupi, Brisbane and Sydney-Per Prins Bands, F. Waldemar, 3rd Feb. 10 A.M. Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C and Tacoma, Wash.—Per Lyra, 3rd Feb., to A.M. Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama—Per Tjimahi, 3rd Feb., 10 A.M.

Honolulu and San Francisco- Per Mongolia, 3rd Feb., 11 A.M. Manila-Per Zafiro, 4th Feb., 9 A.M. Engine . Rec., India, via Tuticorin-Per-Ernest Stmons, 7th Feb., 11 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,

Shuqhar, Nagasahi, Kobe, Yokohama, " cton and Vancouver, B.C .- I'm Empress of India, 8th Feb., 11 A.M. Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown,

Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart. Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth -- Per Tsinan, 13th Feb., 3 P.M. Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville. Brisbane, Sydney,

Hobart, I gunceston, New Zealand, Melhourne Adelaide and Perth-Per Empire, 14th Feb. Shanghai, Sagazaki, Kobe, Yokahama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C .- Per Empress

of Jopan, 8th Mar., 11 A.M.

. Boxholders' private Boxes are being noved Nov.,-Shanghai 24th Nov., Ballas'.-J., to the Money Order Entrance in Pedder Street. During alterations Boxbolders are requested Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,024, E. Finlayson, 27th Jan, to apply (personally or by messenger) for their correspondence at the inquiry counter (old money order office.

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On and after the 1st December, 1904, deliveries for Postal District No. 11, viz., Albany, Peak Road, will leave the Post Office at 9 A.M., I p.m. and I p.m. daily on week days, and 9 a.m. on Sundays.

> VISITORS AT THE HOTELS. KOWLOON.

Heriot, R.M.L.I., Capt. Stevenson, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. MacGregor, J. W. Thomson, Major and Mitchell, Mr. Mrs. G. S. Richards, Mrs. Powell Thomson, J. H. Richards, D. S. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. W. E. and W, H.,

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### TO-MORROW.

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany. St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong. The following will be the order of service

to-morrow :-Holy Communion, 7,30 a.m.; Matins, 11 a.m., Responses: Tallis, Venite: Savage, Psalmst Turton, Barnby and Brownsmith, Te Deum: Gadsby, in E. flat, Benedictus: Hopkins in C. Hymns: 28r, 285 and 27r.

Evensong, 5.45 p.m., Responses | Tallis, Psalms : Rimbault, and Stainer, Magnificat | Turle in F., Nunc Dimittis : Ouseley in D., Hymns: 282, 291 and 21, Vesper Hymn: Ward

St. Peter's Beamen's Church. Queen's Road, West. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Morning Prayer It a.m., Venite, Wesley To Deum, Russell; Jubilate, Barnby; Hymns, 487, 407, 594 and 331; Kyrie. Evening Prayer : Magnificat, Goss; Nunc Dimittis; Croft, Hymns, 12, 435, 595 and 16. The Church launch Dayspring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 3.15 and 6 p.m., (Kowloon Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.); returning after-wards. The Answering Pennant is the Call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided.

Sunday school to to 10.45 a.m. Roman Catholic Cathedral :- Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction, 5.30 p.m.

German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:-Morning Service, 11 a.m. St. Francis' Church, Wanchai :- Mass (Chin.) 6 a.m., (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction,

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road :- Morning Service (English), 9 a.m. St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point :- Mass. Union Ohnroh :- Services, 11 a.m.] and 6 p.m.

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	river gunboat	05	4	-	LieutCommander G. B. Poweli	Yangtsza
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can*		12,950	16	13,500	Captain T. G. Greet	
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	torpedo boat destroyer	250	- 6	6,500	Lieut. Q. Craufurd	
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and a	coast defence gunboat	3,400		9,000	Captain J. A. C. Wilkinson	
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oodlark		150	2	550	LieutCommander Wason	Yangtsie
A	river gunboat	150	7	550	DIGUL-COMMUNICITY AND	* Drill range

\* Flag of Admiral Sir Gerard U. Noel, Commander-in-Chief. \* Flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon A G Corron-Howe, C.R., C.M.Q.

#### FRENCH MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA STATION.

NAME.	FLAG AND DESCRIPTION.	Tons.	Guns.	Н. Р.	COMMANDING OFFICERS.	LAST REPORTED AT
Achéron	armoured gunboat	1,796	IO	1,700	Lieut. Ferret	Saigon
Argus	the second second	123	1	500	Lieut. Jeannel	
Avalanche	alman Tulkhana	140	5	150		Haiphong
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Caronade		-	<b>  -  </b>	150	Lieut. Hue	C-1
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Chateaurenault	protected cruiser	81018	81	1,700	Captain Prat	Saigon
Comète	gunboat	525	4	438	Lieut, Merveilleux du Vignaux	Gulf of Sjam
D'Assas	armoured cruiser	4,000	31	9,500	Captain Allaire	Baie d'Along
Décidée	gunboat	645	Ĭo	1,000	Lieutenant L'Eost	Saigon
Descartes	h "	3,985	. 14	5,500	Commander Amet	
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Francisque	destroyer	303	7	6,300	Lieut. Cotoni	Saigon
Fronde	A - A - A - A - A - A - A	350	· -	303	Lieut, Jehenne	Haiphong
Gueydon	armoured cruiser	9.376	7	20,200	Capt. Goudot	Baie d'Along
Henri Rivière	river gunboat		-	_	Lieut. Portier	Haiphong
Jacquip ;	river gunboat	200	6	308	Lieut, Corlouer	Haiphong
Javeline:	destroyer	307		300	Lieut. Beaussant	Haiphong
Kersaint	cruiser	1,250	7	3,200	Commander Simon	Chemulpo & Shai
Lynx	sub-marine	-	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Armbruster	
Montesim#	armoured cruiser	9.700	12	19,600	Capt. Duvai	Spiron
Mousquet	destroyer	307	7	6,300	Lieut, Prat	Haiphong
Olry Jane III III III	river gunboat	_	-	****	Lieut. Grellier	Chungking
Pascal	cruiser ,,	4,015	27	8,500	Commander Chevalier	Colombo
Peiho ii	gunboat	_		_	Lieut, Lavissière	
Pistolat	1	307	7	6,300	Lieut, de Reinach-Werth	Haiphong
Protée	r				Lieut, Glorieux	Saigon
Redoutable		9,437	8	6,071	Commodre C. P. M. Poidloüs	Baigon
Sabre		-			Lieut, Lebail	Salgon
Styx		1,796	10	1,700	Capt. Dupriez	Saigon
Sully in	- + +	10,014	38	20,000	Capt. Guiberteau	Baie d'Along
Surprise		629	2	900	Lieut. Roque	Shanghaid Yangta
Takiang		_	- 1	_	<u> </u>	Upper Yangtse
Takos		250	6	<b>—</b> , [	Capt. Terquem	
Vaoban	battleship, reserve	6,150	23	4,560		Saigon
Vigilante	, river gunboat	173	7	500	Lieut. Brugnon	Canton

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	Supplied by Message 174		्रिक्ट इ.स.च्या				iven under "Commercial Intelligence," pa	APROXIMATE	
	STOCKS.	NO. OF	ALUE: P		RESERVE.	LAST REPORT.  AT WORKING  ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND	ATROXIMATE RETURN AT- PRESENT QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
	BANTS	8000		PS 125	£1,000,000	1	(Div. of £1.10/- @ exchange 1/9 15/16)	5 %	(\$720 buyais
	ngkong & Shanghai Barring Corporation	99,915	- £7	£7.	\$7,000,000 \$259,000 \$175,533 }	\$1,492,554	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	51 %	London £751 -
٠,	MARINE IN ANCES	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,400,000 }	\$150,494	\$17 for 1903		\$250 sales & b.
,	nton Insurance Office, Land		71	4	81,739 S \$950,000 }				
Ch	ina Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$362,366 \$371,445	Nil.	\$41 for year ended 30.4.1904		S58% sajos
No	orth China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15 " ↓	£5	Tis. 800,000	Tls. 217,119	Final of 10/- making £1 for 1903	8: %,	Tis. 95 seilers,
បា	nion Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$ 00	\$372,749 \$893.110	\$2,078,997	\$35 for 1903	5 %	Syco sales
v	ingisze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	160	\$846,773 } \$760,000 }	\$486,284	\$12 for 1902	8 %	\$155
	FIRE INSURANCES.		\$100	r \$20	\$1,000,000 \$125,675 -\$2,561	\$329,047	\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1902	1016	Sox buxers,
	ongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited		\$250	\$50	\$1,170,288		\$22} for 1902		\$340 sellers
Cl	SHIPPING, TUG AND CARGO ROATS. hina and Manila Steamship Company, Limited ouglas Steamship Company, Limited	30,000 20,000	_\$25 \$50	\$25 \$50	\$185,000 } \$80,935 }	Dr. \$63,123 Nil.	\$5 for 1900	, , , , ,	\$34 buyers
	ongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld	1	\$15	\$15	\$250,000 \$600,000 \$157,555	\$16,362	\$11 for first half-year 1904	101 %	\$27 sellers
l Ir	do China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	60,000	£10	£10	{ £205,000 }	£5,853	10/- for 1903 @ 1/10 5/16=\$5.378	41 %	5124 sellers
S.	hanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited (Preserence)	100,000	4.	*	none	Tls. 55,541,		71 %	Tis. 48 buyers.
11	Shell "Transport and Trading Company, Limited Star" Ferry Company, Limited	2,000,000 10,000	\$10 \$10	\$10 \$5	£40,000 \$60,000 \$15,093	£19,555 \$1,287	Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 5) for 1904  \$1.80 & b. 40 cts. } for year ending 30.4.  \$50.90 & b. 20 cts. }	04 { 31 %	\$38 \$29
l	traits Steamship Company, Limited		Sroo	\$100	\$400,000 \$21,075 \$18,000	\$33,648	\$5 for 2nd 1-year making \$13 for 1903	9 %	\$140 sellers
	aku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	T.Tls.50	T.Tls. 50	\$130,153		Interim of Tls. 13 for 1904	10 %	Tls. 30 sellers
٢	REFINERIES.	20,000	\$100	\$100	none	Dr. \$147,717	Interin <sup>®</sup> of \$5 for 1904	***	\$219 \$20 buyers
L P	erak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	TIS. 50	Tis. 50	Tis. 100,000	Tls. 1,635	Tis. 21 for year ending 30.9.04	43 %	Tis. 57% sellers Tis. 7 buyers
10	hinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld riental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited	150,000	G \$10	G. \$10 18/10	£40,000 none £4,873	G \$672,093 Dr. £4,029	50 cents making G. \$1 for 1904	6 %	
1	aub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited ociété Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	50,000		£1 Fcs. 250	(Fcs. 251,337)	Fcs 85 706		i w	\$490
G	eo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$70,000 \$50,989}	\$10,512	\$3.75 for 1903 {Interim of \$2\frac{1}{2} for 1904	···  41 %	Sto42 buyers
Н	longkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown, Co., Ld. longkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ld	\$0,000	\$50 \$50	\$50 \$50	\$250,000 \$	\$505,47.1	\$6 dividend and \$2 bonus for first half- year 1904	74 %	\$203 buyers
H	lowarth Erskine, Limited  ew Amoy Dock Company, Limited  iley Hargreaves & Co., Limited	12,000, 6,000}	\$100 \$64 \$100	\$64 \$64 \$100	\$60,000 \$55,500 \$150,000	\$489 \$40,936	\$10 div. & \$5 bonus for year end. 30/6/0 \$13 for 1903	4 41 %	S27 sellers S190 sellers S111
S.	C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Limited	55,200	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	\$150,000 Tis, 900,000	Tls. 48,153	Tls. 5 interim for 1904/5	0. 76	Tis. 1521 buyers Tis. 130 buyers
S	hanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company	32,000	\$100	Tis, 100 \$100 Tis, 100	Tis. 487,210 \$2,100,000 Tis. 6,000	Tls. 22,895 \$43,732 Tls. 1,760	\$6 for first half year 1904	31 %	\$375 sales Tis. 190 saips
Y	LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDING stor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	\$25	\$25	none	\$9,989	\$2½ for year ended 30.6.1904	2 %	\$27 Tis. 150 sellers.
ĉ	stor House Hotel, Limited (Tientsin)	6,000	Tls. 50	T.Tis. 50	\$100,000	Tis. 655	Interim of Tis. 2		
l "	longkong Hotel Company, Limited	50,000.	\$100	. \$50 _ \$100	\$20,000	- \$51,966	Interim of \$6 for 1904	8 %	\$144 sellers Tis, 201 sales
H	lotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Snaughai) lumphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	Tls. 25 \$10	Tls, 13,986 \$200,607 } \$50,000 }	Tis. 680 \$9,177	Tis. 0.871 for the year ending 31.3.1904 90 cents for 1903	74 %	TV A
K	owloon Land and Building Company, Limited	. 6,000	\$50 Tis. 50	\$30 Tls. 50	Tis. 800,000 Tis. 150,000	5636	\$2.60 for 1903	P# 76	The signales
T	ientsin Hotel des Colonies, Limited	1,400	Tis. 50	Tls. 50	none .	Dr. Tls. 2,132	Interim of Tls. 31		Tis. 44 buyers Tis. 125 sales
T	lentsin Land Investment Company, Limited	3,764	Tis. 25	Tls. 100 Tls. 25	TIs. 54,626 none	Tls. 325 Tls. 5,150	None	···· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Tis. 125 sales Tis. 12 buyers \$59 sellers
\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Vest Point Building Company, Limited	15,000	\$50 Tls. 50	550 Tis. 50	none	7'ls, 11,655	Interim of \$11 for 1904	41 %	Tis, 25 sales
F	Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	- \$10	none  Tis. 50,000	\$22,862	50 cents for the year ending 31.7:04	3# %	Tla. 24 buyers
ا ا	nternational Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld aou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld	8,000	Tis. roo	Tls. 75 Tls. 100 Tls. 500	Tls. 35,227	Tls. 13,629 Tls. 15,500 Tls. 26,389	Interim of 4 % a/c 1898 on 6,000 shares	101	Tis. 25 Tis. 150
S	CIGARS AND TORACCO COS.	300	\$200 \$10	\$200	\$779	nil ,	\$125 for year ending 30.6.1900	•••	Sico buyers Sol
	hilippine Company, Limited		Tls. 20		Tis, 24,820 }	113, 1,091	Interim of Tis. 3	9 %	
A	MISCELLANEOUS  Sell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	90,000	\$10 12/6	\$10	\$250,000 } \$25,000 } none	\$2,883		-1 1	\$5
10	amphell; Moore & Co., Limited	6,000	\$10 }: \$15	\$10 - \$12	1	\$596 \$1,253	1 totaling of Fr an for Your	114 %	\$40 sellers \$21 sellers \$100
	Do. (Founders')	60,000	\$15 \$12 Tls. 50	\$7\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	none	First year Nil.	Preferential of 7 per cent for 1904	4 %	\$8 sellers \$16 Tls. 74
, 6	China Flour Mill Co., Limited	30,000	\$10 \$10	\$10	Tis, 25,000 none \$8,0000	Tls. 1,942 \$3.739 \$1,581	None	9 %	\$9 sellers \$12 buyers
H	Dairy Farm Company, Limited  L. Mondon, Limited  Fraser and Neave, Limited	25,000 7,000 4,500	Tis. 50 \$50	Tis. 50 \$50	none \$112,500	Dr. Tls. 152,318	\$1\frac{1}{2} for year ending 31.7.1903	71 %	Tls. 10 buyers
1	Green Island Cement Company, Limited	21,000	\$10 \$20	\$10. \$20.	\$350,000 \$186,000 £23,109	\$32,115 \$13,104	Interim of \$1	14 %	\$23 sales \$160 buyers
	Hongkong & China Gas Company, Limited	\$0,000	\$10 \$10	\$10.	£3,000		Chim 3	5 64 %	\$15 buyers \$9 buyers
	Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Ld	1,250		\$100	\$35,000	\$5,844	\$15 for year ending 30.11.1904	6 %	\$255 sales & b. \$155 buyers
	Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ld Hongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Limited	15 000	\$10	<b>540</b>		- \$299	Final of 70 cts. and 50 cts. bonus making \$1.50 for the year ended 30.9.04	s} 51 %	\$20
	Katz Brothers, Limited Lane, Crawford & Co., Limited (Shanghai) Maatschappij tot Mijn., Bosch- en Landbouwex;	2,500	\$700	\$100	J. Tis. 334,669	\$21,582	(4th quarterly of Tis. 5; paid 15.72.0	42	\$145
3 /	ploitatic in Langkat	3,400	\$10	\$10	Tis. 11,143, none	\$803	\$2 for year ended 31.10.1903	71 %	11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
	S. Moutrie & Company, Limited	đ. 1,200	\$50	550	None	Dr. \$5,537	None		\$50
	Shanghai Gas Company, Limited:  Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Limited	5,400	F1s. 5	1 1 2 1 2	Tls. 108,172	Tls. 10,24	7 Tls. 5 for 1903	5} %	Tls. 105 Tls. 85 Tls. 155
	Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	7,200 1, 1, 600	₹30	\$20 \$50	Tis. 140,000 \$6,000	Tls. 7.366	\$5 for year ended 31.7.1903	6 %	Tis. 400 buyers \$80 \$25 nominal
	South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000 5,000	5.5	· 5 5	none	Dr. \$39,020 \$3,64	First year	84. %	\$7 \$4 buyers
1	Straits Ice Company, Limited	2,000			\$45,000 \$650,000	1 0 +	\$71 for second half year 1903.  \$1 div. and 25 cents bonus for half year  ended 30.3.1904	51 % 61 %	S39 buyers
n .	Tientsin Native City Waterworks Company, Ld			00 T.TIL IT		Tls. 41 Tls. 66	Tis. 2 for half year	61 %	T.Tls: 130
5	Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited		110		1 · 1		, , , , QO CEDIA-1/ P. L.	I I TOP E	Sol buyers
5	Tentsin Waterworks Co mpany, Limited United Aspestos Oriental Agency, Limited Do. (Founders) Watkins, Limited	) 100	Sto Sto	\$10 \$10	\$20,000 \$4,802		f Final of 70 cents making \$1.20 for th		So sellers

No. 1, Ice House Road, in the City of Victoria, Hoogkopg.